



**WORLD BARE KNUCKLE FIGHTING
ORGANIZATION**

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SANCTIONING BARE FIST FIGHTING

THE KUMITE/BKB

COMPETITION RULES

BKB & THE KUMITE

BARE KNUCKLE BOXING



Bare Knuckle boxing dates back to as far as the 17th century, with John L Sullivan as the world champion of knuckle boxing in the late 1800s. In 1867 a regulation called "the Marquess of Queensberry rules" was introduced, this was to make the sport more "gentlemenlike" and painted a picture on the 'code of conduct'.

Unfortunately, this turned out to be a cover up, so that promoters and "bookies" could get more money in the betting box as the matches lasted longer. These rules laid the foundation for the boxing we know today. I do not know if it was the betting money or all the number of rounds that made this type of boxing popular, but it was not the safety of the athletes that improved. The same year the gloves came on, the fatalities began to be recorded. In a sport where not a single death of about 160 years bkb had been documented, there were reports of deaths from all over the world.

‘The cause of the fatal explosion was due to an increase trauma to the brain, because of a increase in blows to the head.(see medical journal. i british journal of sports medicine, Boxing and the brain. P.Mcrory)

What has been proven is that by using gloves, the number of head blows increased from 10-20 per fight, to 5-700 per fight. Aiba came into the game a lot later, and they have set the standard competition rules which are used in all the major championships such as the Olympics, World Cup, European Championships etc

THE KUMITE



Is a new fighting tournament started by the professional fighter and martial artist Stanley Hofstædter. The tournament is a open tournament for all styles of fighting. From 8 to 16 fighters will compete to find out who is the best of the best, what fighting style is the most efficient and who is the best Kumite fighter in the world.

WBKF will only sanction legal fights approved by AIBA, WBKF, WADA and WORLD MARTIAL ART ORGANISATION.

So in order to get THE KUMITE legal on the same level as BKB we also needed approved competition rules. So WBKF approached THE WORLD KICKBOXING ASSOCIATION and THE WORLD TAE KWON DO ASSOCIATION to get their already approved Competition rules for Kicking, and incorporated them with AIBA/WBKF competition rules to get a total rule set, legalized for THE KUMITE tournament.

THE KUMITE rules set is also approved after WADA regulations.

THE REGULATIONS

AIBA, WBKF, WKBA, and WTKA regulations are without a doubt good and the only legal in the world. We at WBKF are grateful to have them as a role models, and to be able to use their regulations as a guiding guideline, WBKF introduces hereby our own worldwide adapted regulated competition rules, for BKB and THE KUMITE.

THERE ARE ONLY TWO EXEPTIONS FRO THE RULE SETS OF AIBA-WKBA-WTKA(Making them not only as legal, but safer)

1. **Round time:** We have introduced 2 min x 3 rounds in accordance with our own regulations. An amendment to the aiba rule that will improve safety enormously for the athletes (cf.: appendix statistics, cf. head injuries, cf. Wbkf competition regulations cf.: NBKB regulations 6, cf. knockout regulations §5. Cf. deaths martial arts stat. See appendix: 1,2,3 4,5,6

2. **Gloves:** Neither WBKF, nor NBF, nor any nationally adapted regulations, revision 1.0, mentions any regulations on gloves. in our regulations 36.3.3 (exceptions from aiba's regulations) they have been removed due to security measures.

COMPLIANCE WITH THE RULES

These AIBA Technical and Competition Rules apply to all AIBA's AOB Competitions and are the only

AIBA Technical and Competition Rules worldwide that AIBA National Federations and members of the AIBA boxing community must follow and respect in all of their boxing Competitions in accordance to the Competition level. No National Federation may develop its own Technical and Competition Rules that are contradictory to these rules. However National Federations, for National Competitions, may alter these rules to reflect National laws or regulations, as long as, the alteration does not diminish the rules, especially with regards to medical and safety requirements.

ABBREVIATIONS

NBKB = NORWAY'S BARE KNUCKLE BOXING ASSOCIATION

AIBA = ASSOCIATION INTERNATIONAL BOXING AMATEUR

WBKF = WORLD BARE KNUCKLE FIGHTING ORGANIZATION

NBF = NORWEGIAN BOXING ASSOCIATION

**WBKF COMPLIANCE WITH THE COMPETITION RULES FOR AIBA+
WORLD KICKBOXING RULES + WORLD TAE KWON DO RULES.**

These WBKF technical and competition rules apply to all WBKF competitions and are the only WBKF technical and competition rules worldwide that the WBKF , National BKB/THE KUMITE Federations and members of the WBKF fighting community must follow and respect in all their boxing competitions in accordance with the Competition Level.No national federation can develop its own technical and competition rules that violate these rules. However, national federations, for national competitions, may change these rules to reflect national laws or regulations, as long as the change does not reduce the rules, especially with regard to medical and safety requirements.

JMFR: WBKF has chosen to follow AIBA's above criteria and their solid competition regulations. WBKF has also introduced a nationally adapted regulations 8/2 - 2020, in line with NBF's adapted regulations, revision 1.0 a 15.01.2017 to all National BKB federations to follow.

**THIS WILL HEARBY LEGALIZE ALL BKB FIGHTS AND KUMITE'S
after AIBA-WKBA-WTKA-WADA RULE-SET. APPROVED BY WBKF
AND WADA.**

Even though competitions are conducted in accordance with AIBA's regulations, it is a national approved association that sanctions and regulates all BKB conventions in the different countries. However in THE KUMITE WORLD TOURNAMENT it is always regulated by THE WBKF. All match results are entered in the athlete's Start-book by the match leader, match doctor and promoter, all of whom also send a copy of the match result to WBKF. The president of WBKF is responsible for the result being entered in WBKF's listings.

RULES FOR COMPETITION MANAGEMENT

RULE 1.

COMPETITION GUIDELINES

1.1. THE KUMITE Competitions can be owned by wbkf , sanctioned by Wbkf or affiliated with Wbkf.

1.1.1. An WBKF-owned Competition is overseen by WBKF HQ, but run by each nations association

1.1.2. An WBKF -sanctioned Competition is overseen by the governing body of the Competition and WBKF HQ provides counsel in the planning and stages.

1.1.3. An WBKF affiliated Competition follows WBKF Rules but does not involve WBKF

1.2. Results of WBKF -owned and WBKF -sanctioned Elite Men's and Women's Competitions are used for the computation of the WBKF -World Ranking.

1.3. The following table describes all THE KUMITE and BKB Competitions:

RULE 2.

CLASSIFICATION

2.1. Age Classification

2.1.1. The age of a FIGHTER is determined using his/her year of birth.

2.1.2. Men and Women FIGHTERS between the ages of 19 to 40 are categorised as Elite FIGHTERS.

2.1.3. Men and Women FIGHTERS between the ages of 17 to 18 are categorised as Youth FIGHTERS.

2.2. Weight Classification

RULE 3.

DURATION AND NUMBER OF ROUNDS

3.1. In all competitions Elite and Youth Men's and Women's Competitions, the Bouts must consist of three (3) rounds of three (2) minutes each.

3.2. For all above listed Competitions, the rest time between rounds is one (1) minute.

RULE 4

MEMBERSHIP AND ATHLETE ELIGIBILITY

4.1. Membership

4.1.1. All Fighters, Team Officials, ITOs, R&Js, WBKF National Federation staff and management must be members of or licensed and/or authorised by their National Federation, Confederation and WBKF to participate in all Competitions, unless WBKF otherwise consents.

4.2. Athlete Eligibility

4.2.1. WBKF has the right to make a final decision regarding a fighters eligibility.

4.2.2. 4.2.3.

Each National Federation is responsible for ensuring that its meet all the requirements of Rule 4 of these rules.

Sport Nationality Eligibility

4.2.3.1. Fighters must be of the same nationality as the National Federation which has registered them.

4.2.3.2. A Fighter who is a national of two or more countries at the same time may represent either one of them, as the fighter may select. However, after having represented one country in an WBKF -owned or WBKF -sanctioned Competition, a Boxer may not represent another country unless he/she meets the conditions laid out in Rule 4 of these rules.

4.2.3.3. A fighter elects his nationality when he becomes an Elite fighter.

4.2.3.4.

If a complaint on the eligibility of a fighter is received during any Competition, the Technical Delegate must immediately report the case to the WBKF HQ. If an ineligibility case is proved, the Technical Delegate must immediately disqualify the fighter and inform the fighters National Federation.

4.2.3.4.1.

Under no circumstance will there be a redraw, if an ineligibility case is proved after the Official Draw.

4.2.3.4.2.

If an ineligibility case is proved after the competition begins, and the ineligible fighter competes (and wins), only the last defeated fighter can re-enter the competition.

4.2.3.5.

For all disputes on eligibility taking place prior to or after an Competition, the final decision on determining the nationality lies with the WBKF Executive Committee. If it is believed that nationality rules have been violated, the matter is submitted to the WBKF Disciplinary Commission for review and sanctions may be imposed on the fighter and/or his/her National Federation.

4.2.3.6.

Sport Nationality shall be confirmed by the fighters passport issued by the represented country. When the nationality is questioned, WBKF has the right to request the following documents:

4.2.3.6.1.

Birth Certificate;

4.2.3.6.2.

Citizenship Identity Papers;

4.2.3.6.3. Nationality Identity Document;

4.2.3.6.4. Confirmation Letter from the NOC.

4.2.3.7.

Change of Sport Nationality

4.2.3.7.1.

Change of Sport Nationality applies to a fighter who has more than one nationality country in or acquired a new nationality, Mand who would like to change his/her Sport Nationality.

4.2.3.7.2.

Change of Sport Nationality rules follow the Olympic Charter, Bye-law to Rule 41.

4.2.3.7.3.

A fighter who has represented one any WBKF owned or WBKF sanctioned Competition and who wishes to represent another country of which he/she holds the nationality may represent his new country provided that at least three (3) years have passed since the fighter last represented his former country in WBKF or WBKF-sanctioned competition.

4.2.3.7.8.

Competition and who wishes to represent another country nationality of which he/she acquired through naturalisation may represent his/her new country provided that least three (3) years have passed since the fighter last represented his/her former country.

In case that the two National Federations concerned agree, they may request WBKF Executive Committee Board to shorten the period.

A fighter can only change the federation of origin once and may not change to a third federation.

To start the procedure to change the Sport Nationality of a fighter, WBKF HQ needs to receive the documents mentioned in Appendix 1 of these rules.

4.2.4.1.

Participation in Individual Physical Contact Sport other than Boxing

4.2.4.1.1.

An athlete who has competed at an amateur or professional level in any Individual Physical Contact Sport other is eligible to compete in an National Competition, at an appropriate level, under following conditions:

4.2.4.1.1.1.

4.2.4.1.1.2.

4.2.4.1.1.3.

National Federation of the athlete shall We complete the Application Form in Appendix 8 of these rules and an WBKF Medical Certificate in

Appendix 5 of these rules and submit both documents to WBKF-HQ for acceptance and registration.

The registration will be reviewed and potentially approved by WBKF- in

consultation with the WBKF-Technical & Competition Rules Commission.

The athlete shall be eligible to participate once the National Federation receives a written confirmation of approval from WBKF.

4.2.4.1.1.3.1.

Any athlete registered as a Boxer by a National Federation under Rule

4.2.4.1.1.

above shall not participate in any other Individual Physical Contact Sport once approved by WBKF

4.2.5. Eligibility on Medical-related Issues

4.2.5.1.

All allowed disabilities and prohibited conditions are outlined in the WBKF Medical Rules.

4.2.5.2.

Fighters are not allowed to enter any Competition with the following conditions:

4.2.5.2.1.

Fighters wearing a dressing on a cut, wound abrasion, laceration or blood swelling (on the scalp or face The including the nose and ears).

4.2.5.2.1.1.

If a fighter has an abrasion or a laceration, no dressing other than non-petroleum skinprotective jelly, Collodion, Thrombin Solution,

4.2.4.

Eligibility on Sport-related Issues

4.2.4.1.

Participation in Individual Physical Contact Sport other than THE KUMITE or BKB

4.2.4.1.1.

An athlete who has competed at an amateur or professional level in any Individual Physical Contact

4.2.5.2.1.1.

If a fighter has an abrasion or a laceration, I no dressing other than non-petroleum skinprotective jelly, Collodion, Thrombin Solution,

4.2.5.2.7.1. A copy of the original consent from the neurologist should be presented at the Sport Entries

Check.

4.2.5.2.8.

A Boxer wearing braces, including braces on both upper and lower

4.2.4.1.1.

above shall not participate in any other Individual Physical Contact Sport once approved by WBKF. and lower sets of teeth, can box if he/she is wearing a fitted gumshield and can provide a letter from his or her orthodontist attesting that it is safe to box.

4.2.5.2.8.1

For fighter with braces on both upper and lower sets of teeth wearing a gumshield for the upper set of teeth is sufficient.

4.2.5.2.8.2.

A copy of the original consent from the orthodontist should be presented at the Sport Entries Check.

4.2.5.2.9.

A fighter must possess a thumb, an index finger, and either a ring or a middle finger, on each hand to be allowed to compete.

4.2.5.2.10

Fighters are allowed to use Kinesiology taping; but it can only be applied from waist down, and to the back of the body.

4.2.5.3.

Medical Certification following Probation Periods

4.2.5.3.1.

Before resuming fighting after any period of rest as prescribed in Rule 4.2.5.5. of these rules, a fighter must be certified as “fit to box” by a doctor to be able to take part in all Competitions.

4.2.5.4.

Knockout (KO) and Referee Stops Contest (RSC)

4.2.5.4.1.

When the result of the Bout is KO or RSC, the Ringside Doctor must fill out and sign a Medical Bout Report.

4.2.5.4.1.1.

The Ringside Doctor delivers the Medical Bout Report to the Technical Delegate with a recommendation on how many rest days are prescribed and/or the protective sanitary measures to be taken.

4.2.5.4.1.2.

The Ringside Doctor must send a copy of the report to the WBKF HQ and the WBKF HQ uploads the document in the WBKF Database and sends it to the National Federation concerned.

4.2.5.5.

Protective Sanitary Measures and Suspension Periods

4.2.5.2.7.1.

A copy of the original consent from the neurologist should be presented at the Sport Entries

Fighters having received heavy blows to the head (KO-H or RSC-H) and the fighter is diagnosed with concussion, then the fighter may not take part in fighting or sparring for a period of one year after the third occurrence.

4.2.5.5.6.2.

Any combination of KO or RSC (due to head injuries) that equals three under these circumstances qualifies for a one-year suspension. The fighter must follow approved GRTP protocols.

4.2.5.5.6.3.

Any fighters who has a medical restriction must not train or spar during the suspension period.

4.2.5.5.7.

All protective measures must also apply if a KO and/or concussion occur during training or anywhere else. The Coach is responsible for reporting to the National Federation.

4.2.5.5.8.

If one fighter is knocked out as a result of a head blow after “break” or “stop” and is counted up to “ten” (10), the win by disqualification does not permit this fighter to continue fighting in the Competition.

4.2.5.5.9.

Fighters returning from protective sanitary measures must receive written clearance from their national medical commission and inform the WBKF HQ before returning to box. WBKF HQ then upload the document to the Boxers' profiles in the WBKF Database.

4.2.5.5.9.1.

If the National Federation does not have any national medical commission, a neurologist or sports medicine specialist must provide the clearance.

4.2.5.5.10.

In the case of body blows, the rest period or the protective sanitary measures are at the discretion of the Ringside Doctor, following the Post-Bout Medical Examination.

RULE 5. COMPETITION REGISTRATION

5.1. Fighters must comply with Rule 2 and 4 of these rules (Classification, Membership and Eligibility) to register for an Competition.

5.2. In Competitions, only one fighter per Weight Category per country is allowed to compete.

5.3. When registering for any Competition, all fighters and Team Officials must provide a clear and legible copy of their current passport, a national identification document or a refugee identification document.

5.4. In all Competitions, except for National Competitions, fighters and Team Officials' registration is done in two mandatory phases:

5.4.1. Registration in the WBKF Database

5.4.1.1.

This does not apply to Multi-sport Games 5.4.2. Validation of the registration at the Sport Entries Check.

5.5.

WBKF Database

5.5.1.

Fighters and Team Officials can be registered in the WBKF Database only by their respective National Federations.

5.5.2.

Each WBKF Database profile has to have the following documents:

5.5.2.1.

A clear and legible copy of the current passport, a national identification document or a refugee identification document.;

5.5.2.2.

Signed Antidoping Consent Form (Appendix 6 of these rules) for fighters only;

5.5.2.3.

Completed, signed, and stamped copy of the Medical Certificate (Appendix 5 of these rules) for fighters only;

5.5.2.4.

Signed Declaration of Non-Pregnancy (Appendix 7 of these rules) for Women fighters only;

5.5.3.

National Federations are responsible for ensuring that fighters and Team Officials' profiles are correct and up-to-date.

5.6. Submission of the Anti-Doping Consent Form

5.6.1.

To participate in an WBKF Competition, fighters must have a signed Anti-Doping Consent Form uploaded to their Database profile.

5.6.1.1.

For fighters who are 18 (eighteen) years-old or older, the Anti- Doping Consent Form has to be signed by the Boxer

5.7.

Submission of the Medical Certificate

5.7.1.

In all WBKF-owned and WBKF-sanctioned Competitions, a fighters WBKF Medical Certificate issued within the previous three (3) months must be presented at the Sport Entries Check.

5.7.2.

In all WBKF-affiliated Competitions, a fighters WBKF Medical Certificate issued within the previous one year must be checked.

5.7.3.

In order for a Medical Certificate to be valid, the examination must have been completed (i) by a qualified Doctor, (ii) no later than the period defined for submission of medical certificate, (iii) the record of the examination must contain clear and legible results for all test areas, and (iv) has to be signed, and stamped by the doctor after the doctor finishes performing a medical check on the fighter.

5.7.3.1.

A copy of the annual original laboratory documentation for Hepatitis B, Hepatitis C, and HIV tests must be presented together with the Medical Certificate.

5.7.3.2.

A copy of these documents has to be uploaded to the fighters profile in the WBKF Database.

5.8.

Submission of the Declaration of Non-Pregnancy

5.8.1.

To participate in any Competition, Women must have a signed Declaration of Non-Pregnancy uploaded to their WBKF Database profile.

5.8.1.1.

For women Boxers who are 18 (eighteen) years-old or older, the Declaration of Non-pregnancy has to be signed by the Boxer.

5.9.

Submission of an WBKF fighters Record Book

5.9.1.

In all Competitions, a fighters WBKF Boxer's Record Book has to be presented and validated at the Sport Entries Check for the fighter to be eligible to participate in the Competition.

5.9.2.

The WBKF Boxer's Record Book must be duly completed, including the medical section, and must be signed and stamped by the Secretary General or Executive Director of the Boxer's National Federation.

SPORT ENTRIES CHECK

RULE 6.

6.1.

A Sport Entries Check is mandatory for all Competitions, except for National Competitions.

6.2.

All Team Delegations must attend the Sport Entries Check Meeting to confirm their registered Boxers and team officials.

6.3.

The Sport Entries Check should take place two days before the first Competition day and always before the Official Draw. In exceptional circumstances, the Technical Delegate may decide to extend the meeting due to delayed arrivals.

6.4.

The Team Manager and the Team Doctor of each Team Delegation must attend this meeting. If they are not available, then the Head Coach must replace them.

6.5.

To confirm the team registration, the below listed documents must be presented:

6.5.1.

Copy of passport or national identification document of each fighter;

6.5.2.

WBKF Boxer's Record book of each fighter;

6.5.3.

WBKF Medical certificate issued within the previous 3 months of each Boxer and accompanied by a copy of the annual original laboratory documentation for Hepatitis B, Hepatitis C, and HIV tests;

6.5.4.

Fighters uniforms;

6.5.6.

Any other document or item as requested in the Team's Delegation Handbook

6.5.7.

Any additional document or item as requested by the Technical Delegate

6.6.

The Sport Entries Check Meeting is comprised of several stations with ITOs. The Technical Delegate appoints two ITOs to each station, taking into consideration that one Doctor must be present at each of them

6.7.

ITOs verify the provided registration documents and confirm the final entries through the signature of the Sport Entries Form.

6.8.

No changes are accepted once the Form has been signed off by both the ITOs and the Team Representative(s).

6.9.

Failure to attend the Sport Entries Meeting results in the cancellation of the registration of the Team Delegation

6.10.

Failure to provide one or several documents results in the cancellation of the registration of the concerned fighters

6.11.

Substitution of Boxers at Sport Entries Check meeting

6.11.1.

In Open Competitions, it is permissible to substitute a fighter during the Sport Entries Check meeting, as long as, the substitute fighter was registered through the WBKF Database in a different weight category or as a reserve fighter.

6.11.2.

In Closed Competitions (where a qualification is required to participate), it is not permissible to substitute any fighter at the Sport Entries Check Meeting.

OFFICIAL DRAW

RULE 7.

7.1.

The Official Draw has to take place after the completion of the Sport Entries Check Meeting. It must be completed no less than three (3) hours prior to the first Bout on the first Competition day.

7.2.

At least one Team Official of each participating Delegation has to attend the Official Draw.

7.3.

An WBKF Scoring System is to be used for the Official Draw in all AOB Competitions and should be operated by the WBKF Scoring System operator.

7.4.

In case the WBKF Scoring System is not working, a manual system may be used.

7.5.

In any case, until the last Weight Category draw is completed, if there is any error caused by the WBKF Scoring System or the WBKF Scoring System Operator, the Technical Delegate has the right to order that Weight Category draw to be re-done.

7.6.

The Technical Delegate has to ensure, where applicable, that no fighters can box twice in the Competition before all other fighters of the same Weight Category have fought at least once.

7.7.

Competition Schedule

7.7.1.

In WBKF -owned and WBKF -sanctioned Competitions, the Bouts should be arranged, if possible, in the order of weights from lowest weight categories to highest.

7.7.1.1.

In arranging the schedule of the Semi-Finals and Finals of these Competitions, requests from the Local Organising Committee may be accommodated by the Technical Delegate, as long as, the results of the Official Draw are not called into question.

7.7.1.2.

At the request of the Host Broadcaster, and in agreement with the Technical Delegate, the Bout schedule of a given day can be amended, so that fighters from the same nationality box consecutively within the same Session- even if they were originally planned in two different sessions – if the following requirements are met:

7.7.1.3.

The new Bout schedule has to be communicated to the Teams at least one day before the scheduled Bout; and

7.7.1.4.

In case one Bout is moved from a Session to another session, the Bout of the next direct opponent shall be moved as well to the same session.

7.8.

Fighters must respect a minimum rest period of twelve (12 hours) between two (2) Bouts.

7.9.

The Official Draw has to respect the Seeding Procedure as per Rule 8 of these rules and be in accordance with AIBA World Ranking procedure as per Rule 15 of these rules.

SEEDING PROCEDURE

RULE 8.

8.1.

In the following Elite Competitions, a certain number of fighters shall be seeded by the Seeding Commission, based on the fighters' WBKF World Ranking and past performances at the:

8.1.1.

THE KUMITE

BKB competitions

8.1.2.

WBKF World Championships

8.1.3.

Confederation Championships

8.1.4.

Continental Multi-sport Games

8.2. Seeding Commission

8.2.1.

A Seeding Commission must be formed no later than one (1) month prior to each above-mentioned Competition by the WBKF President based on the recommendations of the WBKF Technical & Competition Rules Commission Chairman.

8.2.2.

The Seeding Commission is formed by the Technical & Competition Rules Commission and operates when required. A total of three (3) members are part of the Seeding Commission.

8.2.3.

For each Competition where seeding should be applied the Seeding Commission reviews the up to date WBKF World Ranking and the fighters' past performances in order to decide which fighters are eligible to be seeded.

8.2.4.

The Process is as follows:

8.2.4.1.

WBKF HQ sends the entry list to the Seeding Commission

8.2.4.2.

The Seeding Commission works on the seeding and sends the final seeding back to WBKF HQ not later than 10 days prior to the Official Draw

8.2.4.3.

WBKF HQ sends the final seeding to the WBKF Scoring System operators no later than 5 days prior to the Official Draw.

8.3. Seeding Criteria

8.3.1.

To prepare the seeding for the Official Draw, the WBKF Seeding Commission must follow the rationale laid out in Rule 8.3 of these rules. A fighter who does not meet these criteria does not get seeded.

8.3.2.

To be seeded fighters must be ranked in the WBKF World Ranking

8.3.3.

Additionally, Boxers must meet one of the criteria below:

8.3.3.1.

Be in THE KUMITE OR A PRO BKB TOURNAMENT

8.3.3.2.

Be within the top 8 of the individual ranking of the last completed WBKF Season.

8.4.

Seeding Procedure during the Official Draw

8.4.1.

The number of seeds at the Official Draw are as follows: Number of entries in the weight Category Number of seeded Boxers
≤30 4 to 8 Up to 2 9 to 16 Up to 4 Over 17 Up to 8

8.4.2.

Depending on the number of seeds, seeded entries are placed as detailed in Appendix 3 of these rules and as described hereafter.

8.4.2.1.

Up to two (2) seeded fighters :

8.4.2.1.1.

Seeds 1 and 2 should be placed respectively at the top and the bottom of the draw.

8.4.2.1.2.

The remaining places are filled with non-seeded fighters randomly drawn by the WBKF Scoring System.

8.4.2.2.

Up to four (4) seeded fighters:

8.4.2.2.1.

Seeds 1 and 2 should be placed respectively at the top and the bottom of the draw.

8.4.2.2.2.

Seeds 3 and 4 should be drawn to potentially face seeds 1 and seeds 2 in the Semi-finals.

8.4.2.2.3.

The remaining places are filled with non-seeded fighters randomly drawn by the WBKF Scoring System.

8.4.2.3.

Up to eight (8) seeded fighters:

8.4.2.3.1.

Seeds 1 and 2 should be placed respectively at the top and the bottom of the draw.

8.4.2.3.2.

Seeds 3 and 4 should be drawn to potentially face seeds 1 and seeds 2 in the Semi-finals.

8.4.2.3.3.

Seeds 5,6,7 and 8 shall be drawn to potentially Box seeds 1,2,3 and 4 in the Quarter-finals.

8.4.2.3.4.

The remaining places are filled with non-seeded Boxers randomly drawn by the WBKF Scoring System.

8.4.3.

The number of byes must be defined and placed as follows:

8.4.3.1.

When the number of Boxers is 4, 8, 16, 32, 64, 128 or any higher power of 2, they meet in pairs (e.g. Diagram 1 in Appendix 3 of these rules).

8.4.3.2.

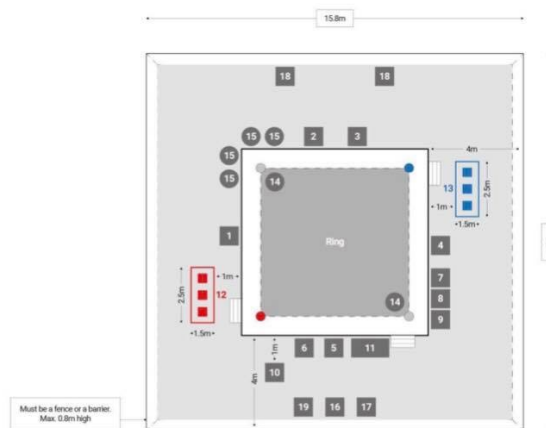
When the number of Boxers is a power of 2, there are byes in the first round of the Bouts. The number of byes is equal to the difference between the next higher power of 2 and the number of Boxers (e.g. with 17 Boxers, there are $32 - 17 = 15$ byes).

THE RING BKB - WBKF RING / AIBA STANDARD

REGEL 9.0. Oppsett ring

RULE 12. FIELD OF PLAY (FOP)

12.1. FOP Set Up – One ring



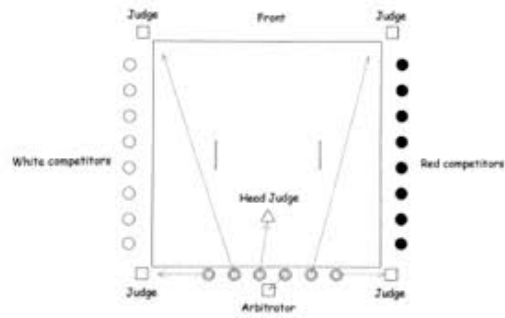
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| 1 Judge 1 | 10 AIBA Scoring System Operator |
| 2 Judge 2 | 11 Ringside Doctor's Table |
| 3 Judge 3 | 12 Red Corner Seating Area |
| 4 Judge 4 | 13 Blue Corner Seating Area |
| 5 Judge 5 | 14 Neutral Corners |
| 6 Deputy Technical Delegate | 15 Photographers |
| 7 Official Announcer | 16 Technical Delegate |
| 8 Timekeeper | 17 Draw Commissioner |
| 9 Gong Operator | 18 R&J Evaluator |
| | 19 Observer |

Positions of R&J Coordinator and Standby R&Js will depend on the FOP. The Technical Delegate will define these positions during the FOP check.

The Graphics Operator must be placed outside of the FOP.

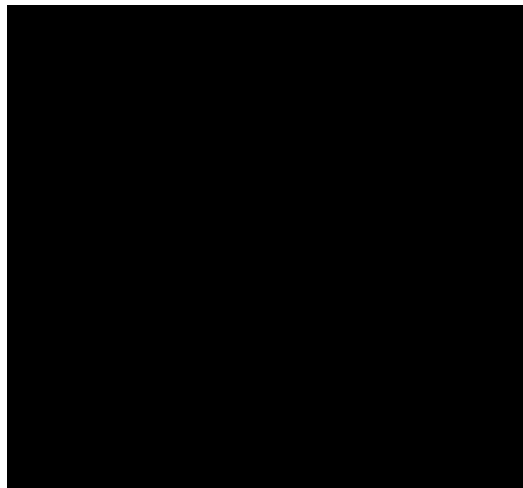
APPROVED FIGHT AREA RING

THE KUMITE



8 x 8 meters

(1 meter secure outside)



RULE 9

DRAW COMMISSIONER PROTOCOL

9.1.

First Day of the Competition

9.1.1.

Upon arriving to the Competition, the Draw Commissioner receives a list of all R&Js taking part in the tournament, produced by the WBKF Scoring System. This list is to be used as reference throughout the Competition.

9.2.

Prior to start of a fight Session

9.2.1.

During the Daily Technical Delegate Meeting, the Draw Commissioner informs Technical Delegate of any names to be withdrawn from the R&J pool for the Sessions of the current day. The Technical Delegate sends an Official Communication, using the template provided by the WBKF Scoring System, to the WBKF Scoring System operator with clear instructions of which names have to be withdrawn from the day's R&J pool. If no names are to be withdrawn and no filters are to be used during the R&J Draw for the given day, no action is required.

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9.2.1.1.

R&Js can be withdrawn from the R&J pool for a Session based on the evaluations and recommendations of the R&J Evaluators.

9.2.1.2.

Filters used for R&J Draw must abide by the rules of neutrality of the WBKF Technical and Competition Rules.

9.2.1.3.

Additional filters can only be used for the R&J Draw when an R&J is from a country that is in major current conflict with the country(ies) of one or both of the competing fighters in the given Bout.

9.2.2.

The deadline for the Official Communication to be sent to the WBKF Scoring System operator is one and a half hours (1h30m) before the start of the first Session of the day. The communication can be hand-written and delivered in person at the Competition Venue, as well as, electronically.

9.2.3.

One and a half hours (1h30m) before the start of the first Session of the day, the WBKF Scoring System operator inputs all requested filters and withdrawals and then draws the R&Js for that Session.

9.2.3.1.

The date and time of the R&J Draw is protocolled into the WBKF Scoring System, assuring no second draw can take place.

9.2.3.2.

The WBKF Scoring System operator then produces the R&J draw sheet for the Session and gives it to the Draw Commissioner in the Field of Play.

9.2.4.

For all consequent Sessions of the day, 15 minutes after the end of the previous Session, the WBKF Scoring System operator inputs all requested filters and withdrawals, that were stipulated in the morning in the Official Communication as per Rule 9.2 of these rules, and then draws the R&Js for that Session.

9.2.4.1.

The date and time of the R&J Draw will be protooled into the WBKF Scoring System, assuring no second draw will take place.

9.2.4.2.

The WBKF Scoring System operator will then produce the R&J draw sheet for the Session and gives it to the Draw Commissioner in the Field of Play.

9.2.5.

No later than thirty (30) minutes prior to the start of each session, the Draw Commissioner must hand in the R&J Draw Sheet (with any extraordinary change requests, as per Rule 9.3 of these rules, or in the case where no Judge is drawn by the WBKF Scoring System and signed by the Technical Delegate) to the WBKF Scoring System operator.

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9.2.5.1.

If no change requests are made, the Draw Commissioner must hand in the overall R&J draw sheet signed by the Technical Delegate to the WBKF Scoring System operator.

9.2.5.2.

If the Draw Commissioner needs to make any changes or manual entries that involves his/her nation, this needs to be brought to the attention of the Technical Delegate and the Deputy Technical delegate for a final approval.

9.2.6.

The duty of a Draw Commissioner is to ensure that the morning Official Communication to the WBKF Scoring System operator contains all the necessary filter and withdrawal requests, so that the computerised R&J

draw is made with as much input as possible, and with the objective of not having to request any changes once the draw has been made.

9.2.7.

From the moment the Draw Commissioner receives the R&J draw sheet and starts reviewing it, he or she must remain in the Field of Play, until he or she returns the R&J draw sheet, that is signed off by the Technical Delegate, to the WBKF Scoring System operator.

9.2.8.

The Technical Delegate must be present in the Field of Play to approve and sign off the R&J draw sheet after it is reviewed by the Draw Commissioner. 9.2.8.1. From the moment the Technical Delegate receives the R&J draw sheet for review, approval and signature, and until the document is returned to the Draw Commissioner and then the WBKF Scoring System operator, the Technical Delegate may not leave the Field of Play.

9.2.9.

All change requests must abide by the rules of neutrality stated in the WBKF Technical and Competition Rules.

9.2.10.

Once the R&J Draw Sheet is returned to the WBKF Scoring System operator, with or without change requests, the WBKF Scoring System operator prints four updated R&J per Bout draw sheets for the upcoming Session.

9.2.10.1.

The WBKF Scoring System operator hands all copies, Bout per Bout to the R&J Coordinator who:

9.2.10.1.1.

Hands one copy to the announcer at ringside.

9.2.10.1.2.

Hands a copy to each of the R&J Evaluators.

9.2.10.1.3.

Keeps one copy in order to properly call the R&Js taking part in the upcoming Bout.

9.3.

After the start of a fight Session

9.3.1.

The Draw Commissioner can only request changes to the R&J Draw after the start of the fight Session if: WBKF Technical and Competition Rules - 30

9.3.1.1.

Unforeseen individual problems occur to an R injury or external emergencies.

9.3.1.2.

An unexpected “no show” from an R&J for the Bout where the R&J is assigned.

9.3.1.3.

A CLEAR identification of wrongdoing as per WBKF’s Code of Ethics is recognised during the said Session.

9.3.1.4.

A CLEAR identification of a safety hazard for the R&J or the fighter is recognised during the said Session.

9.3.2.

When a change request is made after the “Start of Session”, the request should be made through an Official Communication, using the template provided by the WBKF Scoring System, signed by the Technical Delegate, and detailing each individual substitution (Bout number, name and number of the substituted R&J; name and number of the new R&J). The Official Communication must also include the reason why the substitution was made.

9.3.3.

If a selected Judge cannot continue judging during a bout due to illness, the procedures as per Rule

9.3.2.

of these rules will be followed. The total score will be calculated as if no replacements took place.

RULE 10.

ATHLETE MEDICAL EXAMINATION

10.1.

Within 3 months before all WBKF owned and WBKF-sanctioned Competitions, fighters must pass a medical examination with the NF Registered Medical/Ringside doctor to receive their completed, signed, and stamped WBKF Medical Certificate.

10.2.

Within 1 year before all WBKF-affiliated Competitions, fighters must pass a medical examination with the NF Registered Medical/Ringside doctor to receive their completed, signed, and stamped WBKF Medical Certificate.

10.3.

Pre-bout medical examination

10.3.1.

Pre-bout medical examination must be on the same day as the Bout and takes place during the Daily Weigh-In.

10.3.2.

The Technical Delegate decides the starting time of the pre-bout medical examination and must communicate the starting time to the LOC, Team Delegations and Competition Officials.

10.3.3.

Ringside Doctors are assigned by the Technical Delegate to work at the prebout medical examination.

10.3.3.1.

The Chairperson of the Ringside Doctors may select Local or Team Doctors to assist with the pre-bout medical examinations.

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10.3.3.1.1.

Local and Team Doctors must be qualified doctors and must provide a legible copy of his/her current passport (no other proof of identity is accepted) and medical credentials.

10.3.4.

A fighter must be examined by the doctor and has to be confirmed “fit to compete” before being able to weigh-in.

10.4.

In all Competitions, gender tests may be conducted.

10.5.

Post-bout medical examinations are conducted as per WBKF Medical Rules.

10.6. Additional medical examinations may be conducted as per WBKF Medical Rules.

RULE 11.

WEIGH-IN

11.1.

During the fighters first Daily Weigh-In of the Competition, both the minimum and the maximum weight limits are controlled.

11.1.1.

Fighters weight must not exceed the maximum of the fighters Weight Category nor be below the minimum of the fighters Weight Category.

11.2.

The weight registered at the Sport Entries Check decides the fighters Weight Category for the entire Competition.

11.3.

At the consequent Daily Weigh-Ins, only the maximum weight limit is controlled, not the minimum weight limit.

11.3.1.

If a fighter exceeds the maximum weight limit at the Daily Weigh-In, that fighter is not allowed to continue competing as per Rule 19.11.2. of these rules.

11.4.

A fighter is allowed to be present at the official scales only once.

11.5.

The weight is the one shown on the scale, the body being naked except for a swimming suit or underwear. When necessary, the fighter may take off the underwear.

11.6.

There is a zero tolerance on any overweight than the chosen Weight Category.

11.7.

The Weigh-In must be conducted by Competition Officials appointed by the Technical Delegate.

11.8.

The Weigh-In must be conducted by Competition Officials of the same gender as the fighters.

11.9.

Electronic scales must be used for both Test scales and Daily Weigh-In scales, and have to be of the same brand and model, calibrated daily and not moved after calibration.

11.10.

Test scales must be available at the Weigh-In area and each Team Hotel.

11.11.

The time from the end of the Daily Weigh-In to the start of the first Bout of the Competition days must not be less than 3 hours.

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11.11.1.

The Technical Delegate reserves the right to relax this condition if unavoidable circumstances occur and after consultation with the Chairperson of the Ringside Doctors.

11.12.

The LOC of a mixed Competition, where both Men and Women fighters compete, must arrange distinct areas for the Medical Examination and the Daily Weigh-In, so these activities can be carried out separately for Men and Women fighters.

RULE 12

12.3.

ITO Positions in and around the FOP

12.3.1.

The R&J Coordinator(s) chair(s) must be placed in the same area as the standby R&Js chairs.

12.3.2.

The Equipment Managers' table must be located near fighters' entrance to the FOP.

12.3.3.

The Record Book Managers must be seated at a table located nearby the fighters' exit from the FOP.

12.4.

Media Guidelines

12.4.1.

If a platform for TV cameras is required during a Competition, its length and width have to be 1 m each. Its height is determined jointly by the WBKF HQ and the Competition Manager, subject to the Technical Delegate's approval.

12.4.2.

A maximum of two (2) TV camera operators can mount the ring apron during and between Bouts, but only one (1) can enter the ring and only for the announcement of the Bout decision.

12.4.3.

Each camera operator may have one assistant at the maximum, and this assistant must remain on the floor.

12.4.4.

No more than four (4) photographers may be positioned at ringside during Competition. They are to remain in a marked area of 1.5 m from the neutral corner towards Judge 1 and Judge 2.

12.4.5.

Microphones may only be attached to the backside of the pads in the neutral corners.

RULE 13.

AIBA ANTI-DOPING AND MEDICAL RULES

13.1.

All Competitions must adhere to the WBKF Anti-Doping Rules and the WBKF Medical Rules.

13.2.

In all Competitions, anti-doping tests must be conducted.

13.2.1.

The test distribution plan needs to be requested to the WBKF HQ.

13.3.

At the end of a Competition, the LOC is responsible for uploading all Doping Control Forms (DCF) into ADAMS (Anti-Doping Administration & Management System), under a new mission order. All physical records of anti-doping tests, including DCFs and Chain of Custody forms, must then be sent to the WBKF HQ, via mail, within forty-eight (48) hours after the end of a Competition.

RULE 14.

TEAM OFFICIALS

14.1.

Team Cut Technician

14.1.1.

Eligibility

14.1.1.1.

A Team Cut Technician must be WBKF certified to be part of a team delegation.

14.1.1.2.

A Team Cut Technician is there to assist a fighters preparation and may accompany a fighters to the ring. A Team Cut Technician is mostly needed in Competitions that are required to use professional handwraps and no headguards. However, they may work in any type of event.

14.1.2.

The duties of the Team Cut Technician

14.1.2.1.

A Team Cut Technician is responsible for using their skills and knowledge to ensure injury prevention of a fighter.

14.1.2.2.

Examples of a Team Cut Technician 's duties in the following areas;

14.1.2.2.1.

Hand wrapping

14.1.2.2.2.

Facial area treatment prior and during a Bout to help prevent injuries

14.1.2.2.3.

Treatment of cuts, swelling and nosebleeds during and after a bout

14.2. Seconds

14.2.1.

Eligibility

14.2.1.1.

Only WBKF-certified Coaches and WBKF-certified Team Cut Technicians can work as Seconds in all Competitions, unless due to exceptional circumstances WBKF allows otherwise.

14.2.1.2.

Any Coach active in professional fighters shall be allowed to be a Coach and/or Second in WBKF Competitions once the Coach has been certified by WBKF as a registered Coach. Reciprocally, an WBKF certified Coach may be active in professional boxing.

14.2.1.3.

Each Boxer is entitled to be accompanied to the ring by up to three (3) Seconds. However, only two (2) Seconds may mount the apron of the ring and only one (1) may enter the ring.

14.2.1.3.1.

In any Elite AOB Competition, one (1) Second position must be filled by a Team Cut Technician, otherwise the Fighters can only be accompanied to the ring by two (2) Seconds. An WBKF Team Cut Technician must always be accompanied by an WBKF-certified Coach.

14.2.2.

The duties of the Seconds

14.2.2.1.

Seconds must leave the ring and the apron prior to the start of each round, and must remove seats, towels, buckets, etc., from the platform of the ring.

14.2.2.2.

Seconds must have a towel for the fighters during the Bout. A Second may indicate retirement of the fighter by throwing the towel into the ring when this fighter is considered to be unfit or unable to continue fighting, except when the Referee is in the course of counting.

14.2.2.3.

Seconds can only use the transparent bottled water provided by the Organizing Committee. In the case of a cut, the Seconds can use non-petroleum skin-protective jelly, Collodion, Thrombin Solution, Micro Fibrillar Collagen, Gelfoam, Surgicel and Adrenaline 1/1000. Ice bags, Enswell and Swabs are permissible.

14.2.2.4.

Seconds may not administer any drugs aside from the approved ones during the Bout.

14.2.2.5.

Seconds may use a bag with maximum dimensions of 30 cm x 20 cm x 20 cm. WBKF Technical and Competition Rules - 38

14.2.3.

Prohibited activities

14.2.3.1.

Seconds are not permitted to stand up and/or to encourage or incite spectators by words or signs during the progress of a round. Seconds are not allowed to touch the ring during the Bout, yell, cause a scandal or disturb the Competition.

14.2.3.2.

Seconds' seating area must be 1 metre away from the ring corner within a 1.5 m x 2.5 m designated area.

14.2.3.3.

Seconds are not permitted to walk off Second's designated area with disagreed actions against the Referee.

14.2.3.4.

Seconds are not permitted to throw any item into the ring to demonstrate a disagreement or to kick any chair or water bottle or to take any other action that may be deemed as unsportsmanlike behaviour.

14.2.3.5.

The use of any communication device is not permitted in the FOP such as but not limited to mobile telephones, walkie-talkies, smart phones, headsets, shortwave radios, etc.

14.2.3.6.

Under no circumstance are Seconds allowed to administrate supplemental oxygen or any type of inhaler to a fighter during a Bout.

14.2.3.7.

Seconds are not permitted to yell at/argue with any Official on the FOP during or after the Bout.

14.2.4.

Sanctions

14.2.4.1.

For a 1st violation on any of above prohibited activities, a Second receives a caution.

14.2.4.2.

For a 2nd violation on any of above prohibited activities, a Second receives a warning and be placed just outside of the FOP area but be allowed to remain the Competition Venue.

14.2.4.3.

For a 3rd violation on any of the above prohibited activities, a Second is removed by the Technical Delegate for the rest of the day.

14.2.4.4.

If a Second is removed for a second time, that Second is completely suspended from the Competition. WBKF Technical and Competition Rules
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RULE 15.

WBKF WORLD RANKING

15.1.

WBKF World Ranking points for each fighter are accumulated over a two (2) year “rolling” period.

15.2.

WBKF World Ranking points are awarded for each Competition and maintained in full for four (4) Competitions.

15.3.

From the 5th Competition onwards (up to a maximum of 7 Competitions), any WBKF World Ranking point awarded are decreased by 25% per Competition.

15.4.

The Official WBKF World Ranking is issued after each Competition counting into the ranking system.

15.5.

Every Boxer participating in WBKF-owned and WBKF-sanctioned Elite Competitions, except for AOB Olympic Qualifying Events for the Olympic Games and the Youth Olympic Games, is ranked within the Competition and gains points depending on final result and position.

15.6.

For Men, WBKF World Ranking points are allocated for the following listed Competitions:

15.7.1.1.

The above-listed ranking points are adjusted for the Continental Championships based on the number of fighters in each Weight Category as follows:

15.9.1.1.

The above-listed ranking points are adjusted for the Continental Championships based on the number of fighters in each Weight Category as follows:

15.10.

A fighter disqualified for a violation of the WBKF Disciplinary Code including for antidoping issues is not awarded with any ranking point.
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15.11.

Extra criteria (Men and Women)

15.11.1.

Any fighter who changes Weight Category is awarded 75% of all points granted in the previous Weight Category.

15.11.2.

Two (2) fighters with the same amount of points are firstly ranked by the number of Competitions in which they participated.

15.11.3.

If two (2) fighters have the same number of points gained in the same number of Competitions, they are ranked through the best result in the highest ranked Competition as follows:

RULE 16. RESULT PROTOCOL

16.1. In all Competitions, fighter ' results are classified as follows: Result Rank

1
Competition Stages
Gold
2 2 Silver
3 3 Loser
3 4 Loser
5 5 Loser
5 6 Loser
5 7 Loser
5 8 Loser
9 9 Loser
9 10

Loser vs Silver in Round of 16 vs Gold in Semi-Final (SF)
vs Silver in Semi-Final (SF) vs Gold in Quarter-Final (QF) vs Silver in
Quarter-Final (QF) in QF vs Loser to Gold in SF in QF vs Loser to Silver in
SF vs Gold in Round of 16

16.2.

In an all Competition where box-off Bout for the third (3rd) place is
organised between the two (2) losers of the semi-finals, the fighters result
must be classified as follows: Result Rank Competition Stages

1 1 Gold

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2 2 3 3 rd) 4 4 rd) 5 5 5 6 5 7 rd) 5 8 th)

Silver

Winner of the Box-off Bout for the third (3

place

Loser of the Box-off Bout for the third (3 place

Loser vs Gold in Quarter-Final (QF)

Loser vs Silver in Quarter-Final (QF)

Loser in Quarter-Finals (QF) vs the Boxer ranked third (3

Loser in Quarter-Finals (QF) vs the Boxer ranked fourth (4

Loser vs Gold in Round of 16

RULE 17. WBKF DATABASE

17.1.

The WBKF HQ Office maintains records of WBKF certified R&Js and ITOs. Certification, participation, evaluation and personal information is stored on the WBKF Database.

17.2.

Each WBKF 3-Star R&J and ITO receives a username and password to access his/her profile to view and edit personal information. All other officials must ask their respective National Federation to maintain their WBKF Database profile.

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RULES FOR SCORING

RULE 18.

WBKF SCORING SYSTEM

18.1.

The WBKF Scoring System must be used in all Bouts and must be operated by the WBKF Scoring System operator.

18.2.

The WBKF Scoring System is based on a “Ten Point Must-System”.

18.3.

In all Bouts of AOB Competitions, the five (5) Judges for each Bout are allocated a position around the ring in accordance with the electronic draw by the WBKF Scoring System.

18.4.

At the end of each round, each Judge determines the winning Boxer of that round by awarding a score of ten (10) points and by awarding nine (9) or less points (seven (7) is the minimum score) to the losing Boxer, depending on the judgment as to the degree to which the opponent lost the round. Every round must have a declared winner. 18.4.1. At the end of each round, the scores awarded and the Judge who awarded each score is identified on a public display.

18.5.

The scores of all five (5) Judges shall be counted in determining the winning Boxer. 18.6. The Judges have to push the button on the scoring pad within fifteen (15) seconds. These scores are transmitted directly to a computer system managed by the Deputy Technical Delegate, and no alterations or additions are made to these scores after the initial transmission. The announcement of the scores by the Announcer and on the live TV broadcast are made immediately at the end of the Bout, after the approval of the scores by the Deputy Technical Delegate.

18.6.1.

At the end of the Bout, but only after the winner of the Bout is announced, the precise scores awarded and the Judge who awarded each score is identified on a public display. This public display also indicates the total score by each Judge for each Boxer for the entire Bout (including any deduction due to warnings).

18.7.

In case the total scores awarded by each Judge, including any deduction, are equal at the end of the Bout, the decision is determined as per Rule 19.3 of these rules.

18.8.

In any case, the Judges' scores of all the rounds must not be disclosed or displayed until the winner of the Bout is announced.

18.9.

The Deputy Technical Delegate informs the Announcer of the official results.

18.10.

If the WBKF Scoring System becomes defective during a Bout, the Referee collects all 5 Judges' score cards with the names of the Judges

and gives them to the Deputy Technical Delegate.

18.11.

Each Judge independently judges the merits of the two (2) Boxers using the WBKF Scoring System based on the following criteria:

18.11.1.

Number of quality blows on target area;

18.11.2.

Domination of the Bout by technical and tactical superiority; WBKF Technical and Competition Rules - 44

18.11.3.

Competitiveness;

18.12.

The Judges must apply the following criteria to score each round:

18.12.1. 10 vs. 9 – Close round;

18.12.2. 10 vs. 8 – Clear winner;

18.12.3. 10 vs. 7 – Total dominance;

18.13.Results Management

18.13.1.

At the conclusion of each Bout and each Session, the results recorded in the WBKF Scoring System must be printed and handed to the Technical Delegate.

18.13.2.

In all WBKF-owned and WBKF-sanctioned Competitions, at the end of each Session, WBKF Scoring System Operator forwards the Session Results to WBKF HQ.

18.13.3.

In all AOB Competitions, after the final Session of the Competition, the WBKF Scoring System Operator forwards all Competition documents to WBKF HQ.

DECISIONS

19.1. Win on points – WP

RULE 19.

19.1.1.

At the end of a Bout, each Judge determines a winner based on the fighters total scores of the Bout. The winner is determined by either unanimous or split decision.

19.1.2.

The Judges score the round for each fighters up to the time of the termination of the Bout, and the fighter who is ahead on points is declared the winner of the Bout on points in accordance with the WBKF Scoring System. The round in which the Bout is stopped is scored, even if it is a partial round.

19.1.2.1.

Cases where Rule

19.1.2.

of these rules applies:

19.1.2.1.1.

If an injury caused by an unintentional foul occurs during any round and as a result the contest is stopped by the Referee;

19.1.2.1.2.

In case both fighters are injured at the same time and as a result the contest is stopped by the Referee;

19.1.2.1.3.

In case the Bout is terminated by the Referee due to an event that is out of the fighters or Referee's control, such as the destruction of the ring, failure of the lighting supply, forces of nature and other similar unforeseen conditions, and only if the event mentioned occurs after the end of the first round. WBKF Technical and Competition Rules - 45

19.2.

The WBKF Scoring System appoints the winner by a unanimous or split decision as follows:

19.2.1.

Unanimous decision by points: the five (5) Judges appoint the same winner, or

19.2.2.

Split decision by points:

19.2.2.1.

Three (3) Judges appoint one (1) Fighters as the winner and the other two (2) Judges either appoint the other fighters as a winner or a draw; or

19.2.2.2.

Four (4) Judges appoint one (1) Fighters as the winner and the other Judge either appoints the other fighters as a winner or a draw.

19.3.

Tiebreak - In the event that the total scores awarded by each Judge, including any deduction, are equal at the end of the Bout, the Judge(s) with equal scores are requested to nominate which fighters is the winner of the Bout in their opinion in the following cases:

19.3.1.

One (1) Judge has even scores, and the total scores of the other four (4) judges are evenly split; or

19.3.2.

Two (2) Judges have even scores and the other three (3) judges do not score unanimously; or

19.3.3.

Three (3) or more Judges have even scores.

19.4.

There is no "Technical Draw".

19.5.

Abandon ("ABD"). If a fighters retires voluntarily or if the Coach throws the towel into the ring or appears on the apron, however not while the Referee is counting, the opponent is declared the winner of the Bout by Abandon.

19.6.

Win by Referee Stops Contest ("RSC") RSC-H : Stoppages due to punches to the head RSC-B : Stoppages due to punches to the body

19.6.1.

If a fighter fails to resume boxing immediately after the rest period between rounds, the opponent is declared the winner of the Bout by RSC.

19.6.2.

If a fighter, in the Referee's opinion, is being outclassed or is receiving excessive punishment or hard blows, the Bout is stopped and the opponent is declared the winner of the Bout by RSC.

19.6.3.

If a fighter is unfit to continue and fails to resume boxing after a Knockdown, the opponent is declared the winner of the Bout by RSC.

19.6.4.

If a fighter does not recover after ninety (90) seconds, as per Rule 22, the opponent is declared the winner of the Bout by RSC.

19.6.5.

In the case of a fighter being punched out of the ring by a legal blow, the Fighter must be allowed thirty (30) seconds to come back into the ring, after the eight (8) count, without the help of anyone. In case the fighter is not able to come back within the above-mentioned timeframe, such fighter is deemed to have lost the Bout by RSC. WBKF Technical and Competition Rules - 46

19.6.6.

The Ringside Doctor has the option to advise the Referee to terminate a Bout if a fighter receives too much punishment. The opponent is declared the winner of the Bout by RSC.

19.7.

Win by Referee Stops Contest-Injury (“RSC-I”)

19.7.1.

If a Boxer, in the opinion of the Referee, is unfit to continue because of a sustained or increased injury from correct punches, the Bout is stopped and the opponent is declared the winner of the Bout by RSC-I.

19.7.2.

If a Boxer, in the opinion of the Referee, becomes incapable of continuing to compete because of an injury not sustained from punches, the Bout is stopped and the opponent is declared the winner of the Bout by RSC-I.

19.8.

Win by Disqualification – DSQ

19.8.1.

If a fighter is disqualified for any reason, the opponent is declared the winner of the Bout by DSQ.

19.8.1.1.

If the fighter who won by DSQ is declared unfit to compete in the next round of the same Competition due to that foul or any other reason, then

Rule 19.11.2. applies.

19.8.2.

If the Referee, at his/her discretion, determines that an intentional foul caused an injury to a fighter and that the fouled and injured fighter cannot continue because of the injury sustained from this intentional foul, the offending fighter is disqualified and the injured fighter is declared the winner of the Bout by DSQ.

19.8.3.

The third warning in the whole Bout automatically disqualifies the fighter and the opponent is declared the winner of the Bout by DSQ.

19.8.4.

In the case a Double Disqualification (BDSQ) occurs, including Walkovers, both fighters lose the Bout by BDSQ.

19.8.5.

If a fighter is disqualified for Unsportsmanlike Behaviour (such as assaulting or acting aggressively towards a Referee, Judge, Technical Delegate, Team Official, or other), the opponent is declared the winner of the Bout by Disqualification for Unsportsmanlike Behaviour (DQB). The disqualified Boxer is subject to sanctions determined by the WBKF Disciplinary Commission in accordance with the WBKF Disciplinary Code.

19.8.6.

If the fighter has been disqualified due to misconduct or unsportsmanlike behaviour, it has to be brought to the attention of the WBKF Disciplinary Commission by the Technical Delegate within twenty-four (24) hours of the end of the respective Bout. WBKF Technical and Competition Rules - 47

19.8.7.

A Boxer disqualified by DSQ will not be awarded a medal, a quota place if the Competition is a qualifying event, or WBKF World Ranking points related to the Bout. WBKF Technical and Competition Rules - 48

19.8.8.

A fighter disqualified for behaviour by DQB will not be awarded a quota place if the Competition is a qualifying event, a medal or WBKF World Ranking points related to the Bout.

19.8.9.

If both fighters do not box competitively in the ring, both shall be disqualified by BDSQ. In this case, both fighters will not be awarded quota places if the Competition is a qualifying event, medals or WBKF World Ranking points related to the Bout.

19.8.10.

If a fighter is disqualified in the semi-finals or finals, the fighters medal will not be reallocated and his Competition ranking will be annulled. In this case, the next best ranked fighter will not be moved up the Competition ranking.

19.9.

Win by Knockout – KO

Knockout due to blows to the head: KO-H
Knockout due to blows to the body: KO-B

19.9.1.

If a fighter is knocked down and fails to resume boxing before that fighter is counted up to ten (10), the opponent will be declared the winner of the Bout by KO.

19.9.2.

In the case of an emergency and the Referee summons the Ringside Doctor in the ring before the fighter is counted up to ten (10), the opponent will be declared the winner of the Bout by KO.

19.10.

Both fighters are disqualified or KO

19.10.1.

If both Boxers are disqualified or KO at any stage of the Competition before a semifinal, the opponent in the next round will win by walkover.

19.10.2.

In case of double disqualification during a final, they will not be eligible to receive a medal.

19.10.3.

In the case a Double KO (DKO) occurs, both fighters will lose the Bout by DKO.

19.10.4.

If a DKO occurs during a final, Rule 19.1.2. of these rules applies.

19.11.

Win by Walkover – WO

19.11.1.

If a fighter is present in the ring fully attired and ready to box and the opposing fighter fails to appear in the ring after being announced and a maximum period of one (1) minute has elapsed after the bell has been sounded, the Referee will declare the present fighter to be the winner by WO.

19.11.2.

If a fighter fails the Medical Examination or Daily Weigh-In, his/her opponent will win by Walkover.

19.11.3.

If the Technical Delegate knows in advance that a fighter will not be present, he/she must cancel the procedure mentioned in Rule 19.11.1. of these rules, and the result must be officially announced.

19.11.4.

No medal will be awarded to a fighter who has not boxed at least once within the entire Competition period.

19.12.

There is no “No Contest” decision WBKF Technical and Competition Rules - 49

19.13.

If a Bout cannot take place

19.13.1.

If a Bout cannot take place because both fighters cannot compete, at any stage of Competition before the semifinals, the opponent in the next round will win by walkover.

19.13.2.

If a semifinal Bout cannot take place:

19.13.2.1.

If both fighters failed the weigh-in or did not show, both will be disqualified from the semifinal and will not be eligible for receiving a medal

19.13.2.2.

If both fighters were not allowed to compete by medical decision or force majeure, both fighters will receive a bronze medal in addition to the loser of the other semifinal bout

19.13.3.

If a final Bout cannot take place

19.13.3.1.

If both fighters failed the weigh-in or did not show, both will be disqualified from the final and will not be eligible for receiving a medal

19.13.3.2.

If both fighters were not allowed to compete by medical decision or force majeure, both Boxers will receive a silver medal, the two Boxers will be ranked second.

19.13.4.

If both semifinal Bouts cannot take place, four fighters will be ranked third.

19.14.

Extraordinary Rescheduling

19.14.1.

The Bout may be terminated by the Referee due to an event that is out of the fighter or the Referee's control, such as the destruction of the ring, failure of the lighting supply, forces of nature and other similar unforeseen conditions. In such circumstances, if it occurs before the end of the first round, the Bout will be terminated and will then have to be rescheduled by the Technical Delegate, preferably within the same day.

RULE 20.

BOUT REVIEW

20.1.

Implementation of the Bout Review

20.1.1.

The Bout Review Rule will be in effect from September 2019 at the following Competitions:

20.1.1.1.

WBKF-owned Elite-level Competitions. 20.1.1.2. WBKF-sanctioned Elite-level Competitions.

20.1.1.3.

WBKF Competitions as approved by WBKF Board of Directors. 20.2. Composition of the Bout

Review Jury

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20.2.1.

The Bout review Jury shall be comprised of the Observer, the Referee Evaluator and the Judge Evaluator, all from the ring in which the Bout in question took place.

20.2.2.

The Bout Review Technician, or an WBKF HQ/ LOC staff trained in operating the Bout Review hardware and software, assists the Bout Review Jury with the Review, preparing the relevant footage, from the official video equipment used for the Competition, for the Jury to review.

.3. Bout Review Equipment

20.3.1.

Only equipment provided by an WBKF Official Equipment Licensee can be used for Bout Review. or WBKF approved LOC equipment

20.4.

Lodging a Bout Review to protest a decision.

20.4.1.

The Second and the Boxer shall leave the Field of Play by the normal route in an orderly fashion.

20.4.2.

Upon leaving the Field of Play, and within 15 minutes of the bout decision, the Team Manager/Second shall make their way to the Equipment Manager's table and inform the Equipment Manager that the team wishes to protest the result of the Bout. The Equipment Manager shall give the Team Manager/Second the Bout Review form (Appendix 10 of these rules).

20.4.3.

The Bout Review forms will be available at the Equipment Manager's table and collected only by the Team Manager / Second designated or confirmed at the sports entry check.

20.4.4.

The Team Manger/Second shall complete (in English) and submit the Bout Review form, signing to agree that the team's National Federation will be invoiced for the fee at the end of the Competition as per Rule 20.8 of these rules.

20.4.5.

The form shall be submitted to the Equipment Manager no later than thirty (30) minutes after advising the Equipment Manager of their intent to protest the result.

20.4.6.

The Equipment Manager must record both the exact time when the Team Manager/Second notifies their intent to protest the decision and the time of submission of the form onto the Bout Review Form. The Equipment Manager keeps the original form and gives a copy to the Team Manager/Second. The times will be checked against the result of the bout recorded in the WBKF Scoring System by WBKF's Scoring System Operator.

20.4.7.

At the end of the Session, the Equipment Manager shall pass all Bout Review forms from that Session to the Technical Delegate.

20.4.8.

The WBKF Scoring System Operator will email scans of all Bout Review forms to WBKF Sport Department by email at the end of each day of the Competition.

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he WBKF Scoring System Operator will record all Bout Review requests in the WBKF Scoring System.

20.4.10.

If the Technical Delegate determines, after consulting the Bout Review Jury, that the protest should be allowed to proceed, the Bout in question will be reviewed by the Jury using the Bout Review equipment at the end of that Session, if possible, or at the end of the final Session of the day. This will be at the Technical Delegate's discretion.

20.4.11.

The Technical Delegate will determine whether the protest will be accepted, or not, after consulting with the Bout Review Jury and will only notify the Team Manager/Second who is the designee appointed at the sports entry check. An email will be sent to inform both parties of the decision based on the WBKF Technical and Competition Rules and those consultations.

20.4.12.

The analysis will take place in the Bout Review office if one is available, or in another suitably equipped lockable space within the venue.

20.4.13.

Bout Reviews will be conducted in the order that the Bouts took place during the day. The Bout review will be considered lodged regardless of whether it is accepted by the jury or withdrawn by the team.

20.4.14.

If the Technical Delegate believes that the decision of the Judges or the Referee has been taken in contravention of the WBKF rules, the Technical Delegate can lodge a Bout Review by following Rule 20.4. of these rules.

20.5.

Bout Review Acceptance Criteria

20.5.1.

In the case of a protest relating to the scoring of a Bout the protest must be made specific to the decision of the Bout, citing which round or rounds are being disputed, on the Bout Review form. The Protocols for determining the acceptance are as follows:

20.5.1.1.

5-0 decision – not reviewable.

20.5.1.2. 4-1 decision – not reviewable.

20.5.1.3. 3-2 decision:

20.5.1.3.1.

Evaluator agrees with the decision – not reviewable.

20.5.1.3.2.

Evaluator disagrees with decision:

20.5.1.3.2.1.

Lose round 5-0 – not reviewable.

20.5.1.3.2.2.

Lose round 4-1 – not reviewable.

20.5.1.3.2.3.

Lose round 3-2 – reviewable ONLY if the Evaluator disagrees with the round decision, OTHERWISE not reviewable.

20.5.2.

In the case of a protest claiming that an WBKF Technical Rule was violated by the Referee, the protest should clearly indicate which WBKF rule(s) has/have been breached, in which round(s) the breach is alleged to have taken place, WBKF Technical and Competition Rules - 52 and how the breach(es) affected the final result, on the Bout Review

form, as follows:

20.5.2.1.

Procedures not followed by the Referee, as outlined in the WBKF Technical and Competition Rules.

20.5.2.2.

Foul ruled as a legal action by the Referee.

20.5.2.3.

Legal action ruled as a foul by the Referee.

20.6.

The Bout Review Decision

20.6.1.

In the event of a protest against the scoring of a Bout, using the Bout Review, the Bout Review Jury will determine the winner of the protested Bout using all three (3) scoring criteria (as below) and taking into account the issue(s) raised by the protest:

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20.6.1.1.

Number of quality blows on target area;

20.6.1.2.

Domination of the Bout by technical and tactical superiority;

20.6.1.3.

Competitiveness.

20.6.2.

In the case of a protest claiming that an WBKF Technical and Competition Rule was violated by the Referee, the Bout Review Jury will determine the winner of the protested Bout by reviewing the Bout and finding:

20.6.2.1.

A clear violation of a rule which warrants the reversal of the decision.

20.6.2.2.

An incorrect decision which affected the result of the Bout i.e. not only that an error was made, but that it changed the outcome of the Bout.

20.6.3.

After the review of the Bout, the Observer and Referee/Judge Evaluators will make a decision regarding the Bout Review request. They will communicate this decision to the Technical Delegate and AIBA Scoring System Operator who, in turn, will document it in the WBKF Scoring System.

20.6.4.

Both teams will be notified in writing, by the Technical Delegate, of the Bout Review Jury's decision, and the rationale behind it, immediately after the Review has been completed. That decision must be unanimous and will be final.

20.7.

Bout Review after finals

20.7.1.

In order to mitigate delays caused by Bout Reviews lodged during the final Session(s) of the Competition, and considering that the Bout Review Jury has to be readily available after such a protest is lodged, designated ITOs should be available to take over the Bout Review Jury's work near the ring and allow the Bout Review Jury to review the Bout while boxing continues.

20.7.2.

The medal ceremony will not be conducted until a decision of the Bout Review Jury has been rendered.

20.8.

Costs and number of Bout Reviews WBKF Technical and Competition Rules - 53

20.8.1.

Each team will be allowed up to two (2) failed Bout Reviews per Competition, with the team's National Federation being invoiced for that amount per failed Bout Review after the end of the Competition.

20.8.1.1.

Once a team reaches two (2) failed Bout Reviews it will not be allowed to lodge any further protests during that Competition.

20.8.2.

Equipment Manager will update the National Federation protest list to ensure that no National Federation goes over its allotted number of Bout Reviews.

20.8.3.

When a team lodges a Bout Review, and the original decision is overturned, it will retain that Bout Review for possible use later in the Competition.

20.8.4.

When a team lodges a Bout Review and the original decision is upheld, the team will lose one (1) of its two (2) Bout Reviews and will be invoiced for USD1,000.00.

RULE 21.

FOULS

21.1.

Types of Fouls

21.1.1.

Hitting

21.1.1.1.

Below the belt (low blow), with the head, shoulder, forearm or elbow

21.1.1.2.

With an open glove, the inside of the glove, wrist or side of the hand

21.1.1.3.

The back of the opponent, especially on the back of the neck or head

21.1.1.4.

With a kidney punch

21.1.1.5.

With a pivot blow / backhand punch

21.1.2.

Holding

21.1.2.1.

Holding and hitting

21.1.2.2.

Locking the opponent's arm or head, or pushing an arm underneath the arm of the opponent

- 21.1.3. Tripping
- 21.1.4. Kicking
- 21.1.5. Butting
- 21.1.6. Strangling
- 21.1.7. Pulling
- 21.1.8. Biting
- 21.1.9. Faking / simulating

21.1.10.

Pushing

21.1.10.1.

Opponent's face with an arm or an elbow WBKF Technical and Competition Rules - 54

21.1.10.2.

The head of the opponent back over the ropes;

21.1.11.

Attacking whilst holding the ropes or making any unfair use of the ropes;

21.1.12.

Lying on, wrestling and throwing in the clinch;

21.1.13.

Attacking an opponent who is down or who is in the act of rising;

21.1.14.

Ducking below the belt of the opponent;

21.1.15.

Completely passive defense by means of double cover and intentionally falling, running, or turning the back to avoid a blow;

21.1.16.

Speaking;

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21.1.17.

Not stepping back when ordered to break;

21.1.18.

Attempting to strike opponent immediately after the Referee has ordered “break” and before taking a step back;

21.1.19.

Assaulting or behaving in an aggressive manner towards a Referee at any time;

21.1.20.

Gumshield falling out

21.1.20.1.

Spitting out the gumshield intentionally without receiving a correct punch will cause the Boxer to receive a mandatory warning;

21.1.20.2.

If the gumshield falls out after the Boxer has received a correct punch, and if this happens for the third time, the Boxer will receive a mandatory warning;

21.1.21.

Keeping the advanced hand straight in order to obstruct the opponent’s vision.

RULE 22.

LOW BLOW

22.1.

After a low blow, if the offended Boxer does not complain and the low blow was not hard and intentional, the Referee must signal the foul without interrupting the Bout. 22.2. After a low blow, if the offended Boxer complains about the severity of the low blow, the Referee will have two (2) options:

22.2.1.

The offending Boxer will be immediately disqualified if it is an intentional and hard blow.

22.2.2.

Start an eight (8) count.

22.3.

After the eight (8) count, the Referee will have (2) options:

22.3.1.

The Boxer is fit to continue: the Referee may give a warning to the offender, if the Referee considers it as necessary, and the Bout will continue.

22.3.2.

The Boxer is unfit to continue: the Referee will give a certain amount of time to the Boxer to try to recover with a maximum of up to one (1) minute and a half.

22.4.

After above mentioned timeframe, the Referee will have two (2) options:

22.4.1.

The Boxer is fit to continue: the Referee may give a warning to the offender and the Bout will continue.

22.4.2.

The Boxer is unfit to continue: the opponent will be declared the winner of the Bout by RSC-I.

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RULE 23.

CAUTION, WARNING, DISQUALIFICATION

23.1.

A fighter who does not obey the instructions of the Referee, who acts against the rules of WBKF, who fights in any unsportsmanlike manner, or who commits fouls, will, at the discretion of the Referee, be cautioned, warned or disqualified. If a Referee intends to warn a fighter, the Referee must say “stop” and demonstrate the infringement. The Referee must then indicate to the fighter and then to the Deputy Technical Delegate.

23.2.

If a fighter receives a Referee’s warning, the Deputy Technical Delegate will record the warning and inform the WBKF Scoring System Operator who, in turn, will record the warning in the WBKF Scoring System. Each warning will reduce the total score of the offending fighter by one (1) point per Judge. The third warning in a Bout will automatically disqualify the fighter.

23.3.

If a fighter receives a headbutt or any other serious illegal blow which does not cause an injury or a cut, the Referee will give a Warning to the offending fighter, deducting one (1) point per Judge or may disqualify the offending fighter if actions deemed sufficiently serious to warrant a disqualification.

23.4.

If a fighter receives a headbutt or any other illegal blow which causes an injury or a cut, the Referee must disqualify the offending fighter.

23.5.

If the Referee has any reason to believe that a foul has been committed which the Referee has not seen, the Referee may consult the Judges.

23.6.

If an irregularity is found in the fighters bandages after the Bout which, in the Referee’s opinion, gave an advantage to the fighter, this fighter must be immediately disqualified.

23.7.

The Technical Delegate has the right to caution, to remove from the Field of Play, and to remove the accreditation of a Second who has infringed the WBKF Technical and Competition Rules.

23.8.

If a fighter is guilty of a serious and deliberate offence that is contrary to the spirit of sportsmanship, the Technical Delegate, the Referee and ITOs have the right to recommend to the Executive Committee Bureau to put the case to the Disciplinary Commission for possible sanctions

RULE 24.

KNOCKDOWN

24.1.

A fighter is considered to be knocked down due to a legal blow if:

24.1.1.

The fighter touches the floor with any part of the body other than the Boxer's feet as the result of a blow or series of blows.

24.1.2.

The Boxer hangs helplessly on the ropes as the result of a blow or series of blows. WBKF Technical and Competition Rules - 57

24.1.3.

The Boxer is outside or partly outside the ropes as the result of a blow or series of blows.

24.1.4.

Following a hard punch, the Boxer has not fallen and is not lying on the ropes, but is in a semi-conscious state and cannot, in Referee's opinion, continue the Bout.

24.2.

Counts following a Knockdown

24.2.1.

In the case of a Knockdown, the Referee must say "stop" and then begin an Eight Count – count from one (1) to eight (8) – if the Boxer is fit to continue; and count from one (1) to ten (10) if the Boxer is unfit to continue.

24.2.2.

The Referee counts with intervals of one (1) second between the numbers and indicates each second with the hand so that the Boxer who has been knocked down may be aware of the count.

24.2.3.

Before the number "one" is counted, an interval of one (1) second must have elapsed from the time when the Boxer is knocked down, and the time of announcing "one".

24.3.

Responsibilities of the Opponent

24.3.1.

If a Boxer is knocked down, the Boxer's opponent must at once go to the neutral corner as designated by the Referee and remain there until the Referee allows the Boxer to leave. If the opponent does not respect this, the Referee must suspend the count until the opponent complies with the command.

24.4.

Mandatory Eight Counts

24.4.1.

When a Boxer is knocked down as the result of a blow, the Bout must not continue until the Referee has reached a mandatory count of eight (8), even if the Boxer is ready to continue before then or the round has come to a close.

24.5.

Both Boxers Knocked Down

24.5.1.

If both Boxers are knocked down at the same time, the count is continued, as long as, one of them is still knocked down.

24.6.

Compulsory Count Limits

24.6.1.

A maximum of three (3) Eight Counts are given in one (1) round;

24.6.2.

In Men Elite AOB Competitions, no limit of the amount of Eight Counts apply in one Bout;

24.6.3.

In Women, Youth and Junior AOB Competitions, a maximum of four (4) Eight Counts apply in one Bout.

24.6.4.

Eight Counts due to an illegal blow, are not considered in this amount.

24.7.

Boxer Knocked Out of the Ring

24.7.1.

In the case of a Boxer being punched out of the ring by a legal blow, the Boxer must be allowed thirty (30) seconds to come back into the ring, after the Eight Count, without the help of anyone. In case the Boxer is not able to come back WBKF Technical and Competition Rules - 58 within the above-mentioned timeframe, such Boxer is deemed to have lost the Bout by RSC.

24.8.

Knockout

24.8.1.

After the Referee has said "ten", the Bout ends and must be decided as KO. The Referee may stop the count if in his/her opinion the Boxer is in immediate need of medical attention.

24.9.

Boxer Knocked Down at the End of a Round

24.9.1.

In the case of a Boxer being knocked down at the end of any round, the Referee must continue to count until the Boxer is no longer knocked down irrespective of the end of the round.

24.9.2.

Should the Referee count up to ten (10), such Boxer is deemed to have lost the Bout by KO. The gong does not save the Boxer.

24.10.

Second Knockdown without a Further Punch

24.10.1.

If a fighter is knocked down as the result of a punch and the Bout is continued after the count of eight (8) has been reached, but the Boxer falls again without having received a further punch, the Referee may continue the count from the count of eight (8) up to the count of ten (10).

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RULE 25

APPOINTMENT PROCEDURE

25.1.

The Officials' nomination criteria and appointment process depends on the category of the AOB Competition.

25.2.

All Officials nominated and appointed to AOB Competitions should follow Rule 25 of these rules.

25.3.

WBKF-owned and AIBA-sanctioned Competitions (World, IOC & Multi-sport)

25.3.1.

Technical Delegate: The WBKF Technical & Rules Commission task force composed of at least 3 members (Chair or Vice-Chair + 2 members) appoints the Technical Delegate and informs the WBKF HQ.

25.3.2.

ITO: The WBKF Technical & Rules Commission task force composed of at least 3 members (Chair or Vice-Chair + 2 members) appoints the ITO candidates and informs the WBKF HQ.

25.3.2.1.

Ringside Doctor appointments should have the WBKF Medical Commission's input

25.3.2.2.

R&J Evaluator & Observer appointments should have the AIBA R&J Commission's input

25.3.3.

R&J: The WBKF R&J Commission task force composed of at least 3 members (Chair or Vice-Chair + 2 members) appoints the list of R&Js and informs the WBKF HQ.

25.3.4.

Criteria used for official's appointment 25.3.4.1. Qualification

25.3.4.2.

Nationality

25.3.4.3.

Geographic location

25.3.4.4.

Performance and/or certification date (for newly certified officials)

25.3.4.5.

Rotation 25.3.5.

Admin Process

25.3.5.1.

All letters of communication for appointments should come from the WBKF HQ

25.3.5.2.

Appointment letters will be signed by the respective WBKF Commission Chairpersons.

25.3.5.3.

To keep track of communication with regards to events, all emails regarding appointments of officials should be sent to the WBKF HQ (Sport

Department) from the Commissions within a set deadline. WBKF
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The Sport Department will collect all inputs and appointments from
respective Commissions.

25.4.

WBKF-sanctioned and WBKF-affiliated Competitions (Continental, except
for Multi-sport and National)

25.4.1.

Technical Delegate: The Confederation Competition Commission task
force composed of at least 3 members (Chair or Vice-Chair + 2 members)
appoints the Technical Delegate and informs the Confederation HQ.

25.4.2.

ITO: The Confederation Competition Commission task force composed of
at least 3 members (Chair or Vice-Chair + 2 members) appoints the ITO
candidates and informs the Confederation HQ.

25.4.2.1.

Ringside Doctor appointments should have the Confederation Medical
Commission Chairperson's input

25.4.2.2.

R&J Evaluator appointments should have the Confederation R&J
Commission Chairperson's input

25.4.3.

R&J: The Confederation R&J Commission task force composed of at least
3 members (Chair or Vice-Chair + 2 members) appoints the list of R&Js
and informs the Confederation HQ.

25.4.4.

Criteria used for official's appointment

25.4.4.1.

Qualification

25.4.4.2.

Nationality

25.4.4.3.

Geographic location

25.4.4.4.

Performance and/or certification date (for newly certified officials)

25.4.4.5.

Rotation

25.4.5.

Admin Process

25.4.5.1.

Prior to the Confederation Commission nominating and approving the appointments of officials, a request to the WBKF HQ for the latest certified officials is required to ensure eligible candidates are considered. The same eligibility check is required when National Federations nominate their own R&Js.

25.4.5.2.

After each event, the Confederation Commission is required to report evaluations of R&Js and ITOs to the WBKF HQ.

25.4.5.3.

All letters of communication for appointments should come from the Confederation HQ

25.4.5.3.1.

Including for AIBA-affiliated Continental Competitions; 25.4.5.3.2. Including any neutral R&J or ITO proposed by WBKF;

25.4.5.3.3.

Appointment letters will be signed by the respective Confederation Commission Chairperson.

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TECHNICAL DELEGATE

26.1.

Qualification and Eligibility

RULE 26.

26.1.1.

To be appointed for an AOB Competition, the Technical Delegate must have successfully passed the WBKF Technical Delegate Certification Course or the AOB Technical Delegate Certification Course.

26.1.2.

To be a Technical Delegate at an AOB Competition, a person cannot be an active Coach, Referee, Judge, Team Manager and/or Boxer, nor should have ever been sanctioned with an over six (6) month suspension.

26.1.3.

The Technical Delegate may not be a national of the country where the AOB Competition takes place.

26.1.4.

The Technical Delegate must respect and sign the WBKF Code of Conduct (Appendix 4 of these rules) and upload it to his/her WBKF Database profile.

26.2. Duties

26.2.1.

Prior to the start of an AOB Competition, the Technical Delegate is responsible for conducting a Technical Meeting with Team Officials.

26.2.2.

Prior to the start and throughout an AOB Competition, the Technical Delegate is responsible for ensuring that the FOP and the athletes' and officials' areas are functioning as per the WBKF Technical and Competition Rules.

26.2.3.

A Session does not commence without the presence of the Technical Delegate.

26.2.3.1.

In the event that the Technical Delegate is not present, a qualified designee will assume the role of the Technical Delegate.

26.2.4.

During an AOB Competition, the Technical Delegate will be responsible for overseeing all Bout decisions.

26.2.5.

The Technical Delegate will review the scores and obtain feedback from the Referee and Judge Evaluators regarding the performance of the Referees and Judges.

26.2.5.1.

The Technical Delegate will immediately suspend a Referee and/or Judge for the rest of the Competition day for any wrongdoing. Once

Competition is completed, the Technical Delegate will discuss any further recommendation to the Disciplinary Commission regarding sanctioning the Referee and Judge.

26.2.6.

In AOB Competitions, the Technical Delegate will evaluate ITOs based on the criteria developed by the WBKF Technical & Competition Rules Commission WBKF Technical and Competition Rules - 62 and the WBKF HQ, and will forward the results to the WBKF HQ and the WBKF Technical & Competition Rules Commission.

26.2.7.

If an International Technical Official or National Technical Official appointed for a Bout is absent, the Technical Delegate will appoint a replacement from the Officials present at the Competition.

26.2.8.

If a Bout cannot be held due to a force majeure, the Technical Delegate may order to stop the Bout until it can be satisfactorily resumed.

26.2.9.

The Technical Delegate may not work in Bouts involving Boxers from the country where the Technical Delegate was born or resides.

26.2.10.

During an bkb Competition, the appointed Technical Delegate will be responsible for cautioning, warning and/or removing accreditation of persons who display improper behaviour.

26.2.11.

The detailed duties of the Technical Delegate are listed in the WBKF Technical Officials' Regulations.

RULE 27.

INTERNATIONAL TECHNICAL OFFICIALS (ITOS) 27.1. Qualification and Eligibility

27.1.1.

To work in bkb Competitions, an ITO has to successfully pass the WBKF ITO Certification Course.

27.1.2.

To be appointed as an ITO at an bkb Competition, a person cannot be an active Coach, Referee, Judge, Team Manager and/or Boxer, nor should have ever been sanctioned with an over six (6) month suspension.

27.1.3.

ITO positions include the following roles: 27.1.3.1. Deputy Technical Delegate 27.1.3.2. Draw Commissioner

27.1.3.3.

Ringside Doctor 27.1.3.4. WBKF Cut Technician

27.1.3.5.

Referee and Judge Evaluator

27.1.3.6. Referee and Judge Coordinator

27.1.3.7. Observer

27.1.3.8.

Equipment Manager

27.1.4.

In an AOB Competition, there can be no more than two ITOs of the same nationality. These ITOs from the same nationality cannot be assigned in the same Bout.

27.1.5.

An ITO may not work in Bouts involving Boxers from the country where the ITO was either born or resides.

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27.1.6.

Every ITO must respect and sign the WBKF Code of Conduct (Appendix 4 of these rules) and upload it to his/her WBKF Database profile.

27.1.7.

The detailed duties of the ITOs are listed in the WBKF Technical Officials' Regulations.

RULE 28.

28.1.1.

To be appointed for an AOB Competition, the Deputy Technical Delegate must have successfully passed the WBKF Technical Delegate Certification Course or the AOB Technical Delegate Certification Course.

28.2.

In an AOB Competition, the Deputy Technical Delegate may not be a national of the country where the Competition is taking place and must hold a different nationality than the appointed Technical Delegate.

28.3.

Appointment

28.3.1.

WBKF will appoint a minimum of two (2) Deputy Technical Delegates for any AOB Competition that uses two (2) rings.

28.3.2.

WBKF will appoint a minimum of one (1) Deputy Technical Delegate for any AOB Competition that uses one (1) ring.

28.4.

Duties

28.4.1.

In an AOB Competition, the Deputy Technical Delegate will be responsible for all Competition aspects of the Bout with the same duties as the appointed Technical Delegate.

RULE 29.

REFEREE AND JUDGE EVALUATOR

29.1.

Qualification and Eligibility

29.1.1.

To be appointed for an AOB Competition, the Referee and Judge Evaluator has to be a former 3-Star R&J and has to have passed the WBKF

DEPUTY TECHNICAL DELEGATE 28.1. Qualification and Eligibility

ITO

Certification Course and an additional WBKF Certification Course specifically designed for R&J Evaluators/Observer.

29.2.

Appointment

29.2.1.

WBKF will appoint three (3) Evaluators for one ring Competitions or five (5) Evaluators for two ring Competitions.

29.3.

Duties

29.3.1.

Attend daily Technical Delegate meetings to provide post-bout feedback and analysis WBKF Technical and Competition Rules - 62

29.3.2.

Evaluate the performance of the Referees or Judges

29.3.3.

Judge Evaluators should score each round for comparison with the Judges scores

29.3.4.

Fill out Database Evaluation form

29.3.5.

Conduct the daily R&J Meeting before the first Session, and before the second Session if required

RULE 30.

RINGSIDE DOCTORS

30.1.

Qualification and Eligibility

30.1.1.

For all WBKF-owned, WBKF-sanctioned and WBKF-affiliated Competitions (except National classification events), only WBKF Certified Ringside Doctors are permitted to serve as Ringside Doctors.

30.1.2.

In emergency situations during an AOB Competition where appointed WBKF Ringside Doctors are not able to perform their duties, the appointed Technical Delegate can appoint a Local or a Team Doctor to work at ring side.

30.2.

Attendance in Competition

30.2.1.

Ringside Doctors must be present one hour before the first Bout and until they check the Boxers at the end of the last Bout.

30.2.2.

Ringside Doctors have to wear surgical gloves during the Bout.

30.3.

Number of Ringside Doctors

30.3.1.

In an AOB Competition where one (1) ring is used, a minimum of three (3) WBKF Ringside Doctors are appointed. However, there must not be more than two (2) Ringside Doctors at the ringside.

30.3.2.

In an AOB Competition where two (2) rings are used, a minimum of five (5) Ringside Doctors are appointed. However, there must not be more than two (2) Ringside Doctors at the ringside of each ring.

30.4.

Duties ‘

30.4.1.

A Ringside Doctor has to ensure that the AOB Competition follows the WBKF Medical Rules.

30.4.2.

A Ringside Doctor performs Medical Examinations at all Daily Weigh-Ins.

30.4.3.

During a Bout, a Ringside Doctor may be called by the Referee to express an opinion regarding the competing Boxer's condition.

30.4.3.1.

At the discretion of the Ringside Doctor, he or she can treat a Boxer's injury (cut or nosebleed, etc.) up to a maximum of 1 minute during a Bout.

30.4.4.

Ringside Doctors provide support for anti-doping related matters. WBKF Technical and Competition Rules - 63

30.4.5.

Before the start of an AOB Competition, appointed Ringside Doctors carry out Medical Examinations for appointed Referees and Judges.

30.4.6.

Prior to the start of each Session, a Ringside Doctor must:

30.4.6.1.

Check for the presence of oxygen and stretcher, other recovery equipment, evacuation equipment, and evacuation route;

30.4.6.2.

Check that one ambulance is present for each ring

30.4.6.3.

Confirm that a hospital has been designated to take care of injured Boxers, Team Officials, and other persons taking part in the Competition

30.4.7.

At least one Ringside Doctor must be at ringside for the entire duration of the Bout;

30.4.8.

Ringside Doctors must inform the Technical Delegate to stop the Bout if a competing Boxer appears unable to continue.

30.4.9.

Procedure after KO or RSC

30.4.9.1.

Unconscious Boxer - If a Boxer is rendered unconscious, only the Referee and the Ringside Doctor can remain in the ring. Only the Ringside Doctor can request additional help.

30.4.9.2.

In case a Boxer is unconscious for more than one (1) minute, this Boxer must be transported to the nearest hospital (if possible to the neurosurgery department) for further evaluation. Any Boxer with a may be referred to the hospital by the Ringside Doctor.

30.4.9.3.

In the case of a Knockout without unconsciousness or in the case of Referee Stops Contest, the Boxer must be examined by a Doctor immediately afterwards in the locker room to determine the nature of the injury and the need of a further medical observation and/or hospitalization.

30.4.9.4. Ringside Doctors may recommend treatment for injured Boxers.

30.4.9.5. Ringside Doctors decides if a Boxer is “fit to box”.

30.4.9.6. Ringside Doctors must fill out the Medical Bout in the case a restriction period and/or protective sanitary measures have been ordered for the Boxer.

RULE 31.

WBKF

CUT TECHNICIAN

31.1.

Qualification and Eligibility

WBKF Technical and Competition Rules - 64

31.1.1.

WBKF Cut Technicians must have passed the WBKF Cut Technician Certification Course.

31.2.

Appointment

31.2.1.

WBKF will appoint one (1) WBKF Cut Technician for one-ring Competitions and two (2) for two-ring Competitions.

31.3.

Duties

31.3.1.

When appointed to Elite AOB Competitions, the WBKF Cut Technician controls the handwraps prepared by the Coaches and intervenes only if these do not comply with these Rules.

31.3.2.

He oversees the work of the Teams' Cut Technician at the corner and provides advice to the Seconds if necessary.

31.3.3.

The WBKF Cut Technician can conduct Handwraps workshops, seminars or courses for Coaches.

RULE 32.

EQUIPMENT MANAGER

32.1.

Qualification and Eligibility

32.1.1.

Must have passed the WBKF ITO Certification Course.

32.2.

Appointment

32.2.1.

WBKF will appoint two (2) Equipment managers for each WBKF-owned and WBKF-sanctioned Competition.

32.3.

Duties

32.3.1.

Ensure that all Boxer's equipment, equipment distribution and handling align with WBKF Technical and Competition rules

32.3.2.

Responsible for all Boxer's Competition related equipment and its distribution

32.3.3.

Manage the volunteers in charge of escorting the Boxers, running gloves, bandages, headguard and equipment storage

32.3.4.

Inspect all Boxer's and their equipment prior to entering the FOP

32.3.5.

Inspect all coaches and Seconds to ensure proper clothing is used

32.3.6.

Ensure that only eligible Seconds who also possess valid accreditation enter the FOP.

32.3.7.

Manage the Bout Review request forms by providing the forms to Team Officials upon their request. Keep record of Bout Review requests and deliver all submitted forms to the Technical Delegate after the end of each Session. WBKF Technical and Competition Rules - 65

RULE 33.

REFEREE AND JUDGE COORDINATOR

33.1.

Qualification and Eligibility

33.1.1.

Must have passed the WBKF ITO Certification Course.

33.2.

Appointment

33.2.1.

WBKF will appoint two (2) R&J Coordinators for one-ring or three (3) R&J Coordinators for two-ring WBKF-owned and WBKF-sanctioned Competitions.

33.3.

Duties

33.3.1.

Collect R&J draw from the WBKF Scoring System operator.

33.3.2.

Use R&J draw sheet to lead the Referee and Judges from the R&J lounge to a designated area around the FOP.

33.3.3.

Inform the R&Js to enter the FOP and ensure each are in their correct positions.

33.3.4.

Distribute R&J Draw sheets to the Announcer, R&J evaluators and TD

33.3.5. Ensure R&Js exit the FOP in an orderly fashion

RULE 34.

DRAW COMMISSIONER

34.1.

Qualification and Eligibility

34.1.1.

Must have passed the WBKF ITO Certification Course.

34.2.

Appointment

34.2.1.

WBKF will appoint one (1) Draw Commissioner for one-ring Competitions and up to two (2) for two-ring Competitions.

34.3.

Duties

34.3.1.

Follow the Draw Commissioner Protocol as per Rule 9 of these rules.

34.3.2.

Review the list of R&Js appointed to the Competition.

34.3.3.

Provide all filters to the Technical delegate prior to the computerized R&J draw. Filters should comply with neutrality rules specified in these rules.

34.3.4.

Ensure the R&J draw aligns with the rules of neutrality.

34.3.5.

After the R&J draw, change requests can only be made under extraordinary circumstances and should abide by the Draw Commissioner Protocol.

RULE 35.

OBSERVER

35.1.

Qualification and Eligibility

WBKF Technical and Competition Rules - 66

35.1.1.

Experienced WBKF ITO (Referee and Judge Evaluator) who has passed the WBKF ITO Certification Course and an additional WBKF Certification Course specifically designed for Referee & Judge Evaluators/Observer.

35.2.

Appointment

35.2.1.

WBKF will appoint one (1) Observer for any WBKF-Owned or WBKF-Sanctioned event (World, IOC & Multi-sport).

35.3.

Duties

35.3.1.

Observe the scores of the Judges, as well as, the Evaluators 35.3.2. Enter Judge's scores after each round (if not automated) and evaluate against the evaluators' scores into the WBKF Database

35.3.3.

Compare Judge's scores with Evaluators score in each round and make appropriate deductions against each judge (if not automated).

35.3.4.

Be a member of the Protest Jury

35.3.5.

Record all protests and outcomes using the WBKF Database 35.3.6.
Evaluate performance of R&J Evaluator

35.3.7.

Back up Evaluator if any national neutrality conflicts arise

RULE 36.

36.1.

Host National Federation nominates qualified persons as National Technical Officials (“NTO’s”) for the following positions:

36.1.1.

Timekeeper (use of an WBKF 1-star Referee and Judge for this position is strongly recommended)

36.1.2.

Gong Operator

36.1.3.

Record Book Manager

36.1.4.

Assistant Referee and Judge Coordinator ‘36.1.5. Assistant Equipment Manager

36.2.

Every NTO must respect and sign the WBKF Code of Conduct (Appendix 4 of these rules).

RULE 37.

TIMEKEEPER AND GONG OPERATOR

37.1.

The duties of the Timekeeper & Gong Operator can be performed by one person; however, at WBKF-owned and WBKF sanctioned Competitions, it is recommended to have two persons to perform these duties to ensure consistent quality control.

37.2. Duties

WBKF Technical and Competition Rules - 67

37.2.1.

Regulate the number and duration of the rounds and the intervals between the rounds. The intervals between the rounds must be of one (1) minute.

37.2.2.

The Timekeeper & Gong Operator must start and end each round by striking the gong.

37.2.3.

Ten (10) seconds before the end of each round, the Timekeeper & Gong Operator will signal the approaching end of the round.

37.2.4.

The Timekeeper & Gong Operator must regulate all periods of time and counts by a watch or clock but will only stop the clock when instructed by the Referee with the command "time" resuming after the Referee gives the command "box".

37.2.5.

Following a Knockdown, the Timekeeper & Gong Operator will give the sound signal to the Referee indicating the elapsing seconds while the Referee is counting.

37.2.6.

If, at the end of a round, a Boxer is knocked down and the Referee is in the course of counting, the gong indicating the end of the round will not be sounded. The gong will be sounded only when the Referee gives the command "box" indicating the continuation of the Bout.

37.2.7.

The Timekeeper & Gong Operator will regulate the time when a low blow or Loss of Consciousness occurs and if a Boxer falls out of the ring.

RULE 38.

ANNOUNCER

38.1.

Duties

38.1.1.

Before the Bout, the Announcer will announce the Bout number, weight category, name and country of each Boxer, as well as, the name and country of each Referee and Judge.

38.1.2.

The Announcer must announce the round number after the start of each round.

38.1.3.

Ten (10) seconds before the start of each round, the Announcer must clear the ring by ordering "Seconds out", except for the first round.

38.1.4.

The Announcer must reveal the final results and the winner of the Bout after having received the final results from the Deputy Technical Delegate.

RULE 39. REFEREES AND JUDGES

39.1.

All WBKF certified Referees and Judges have to abide by the most recent WBKF Technical & Competition Rules and WBKF Referee and Judge Regulations.

39.2.

WBKF R&J Certification Courses are organised only by WBKF. WBKF Technical and Competition Rules - 68

39.3.

In all WBKF-affiliated Competitions, except for National Championships, the Referees and Judges must be WBKF-certified.

39.4.

In all WBKF-owned and WBKF-sanctioned Competitions, the Referees and Judges should be appointed as follows:

39.4.1.

To ensure neutrality, the Referee and Judges for each Bout will be selected by the WBKF Scoring System and approved by the Draw Commissioner and the Technical Delegate.

39.4.2.

Each Referee and Judge must be an WBKF certified Referee and Judge.

39.4.3.

Each Referee and Judge must be of a different country and National Federation from one another, as well as, from any of the Boxers taking part in the Bout.

39.4.4.

Each Referee and Judge must not be a national or resident of any country which is a dominion, colony or dependency of the country of any of the Boxers taking part in the Bout.

39.4.5.

In case of a change in nationality, such Referee and Judge must not officiate in any Bout in which a Boxer of the Referee and Judge's former nationality is taking part.

39.4.6.

In case it is impossible for the Draw Commissioner to comply with the above directives, the Technical Delegate, along with the Deputy Technical Delegate must approve the final selection.

39.5.

Referees and Judges have to respect and sign the WBKF Code of Conduct (Appendix 4 of these rules).

39.6.

Disciplinary Action

39.6.1.

A decision on suspension related to Referees' or Judges' poor performances in a Competition can be proposed by the Referee and Judge Evaluator(s) to the Technical Delegate and the Technical Delegate, in turn, would inform the WBKF Scoring System Operator of the R&J name(s) that need to be withdrawn from a Session.

39.6.2.

A decision of suspension related to Referees' or Judges' ethics must be made by the Disciplinary Commission.

39.7.

In all AOB Competitions, each Bout must be controlled by a Referee, who will officiate in the ring but will not score the Bout. For AOB Competitions the Referees shall be drawn by the WBKF Scoring System and confirmed by the Draw Commissioner and the Technical Delegate.

39.8.

Duties of the Referee

39.8.1.

To be primarily concerned for the health of both Boxers throughout the Bout.

39.8.2.

To see that all rules and fair play are strictly observed. AIBA Technical and Competition Rules - 69

39.8.3.

To maintain control of the contest at all stages.

39.8.4.

To prevent a weak Boxer from receiving undue and unnecessary punishment.

39.8.5.

To use four (4) words of command:

39.8.5.1.

“Stop” when ordering the Boxers to stop boxing;

39.8.5.2.

“Box” when ordering the Boxers to continue boxing;

39.8.5.3.

“Break” when breaking a clinch;

39.8.5.4.

“Time” when ordering the Timekeeper & Gong Operator to stop the time, and to order the Boxers to stop boxing.

39.8.6.

To indicate to a Boxer any infringement of the WBKF Technical & Competition Rules using suitable explanatory signs, verbal commands and/or gestures. 39.8.7. The Referee may touch with the hand a Boxer to stop and to break the Bout, or to separate the Boxers.

39.8.8.

The Referee must not indicate the winner by raising a Boxer’s hand or otherwise, until the announcement has been made. When the winner of a Bout is announced, the Referee must be positioned in the middle of the ring holding one hand of each Boxer and raise the hand of the winning Boxer while facing the main TV camera.

39.8.9.

When a Referee terminates a Bout for any reason, this Referee must first inform the Deputy Technical Delegate of the decision and the reason why the Bout was stopped. The Deputy Technical Delegate should inform the Referee if the decision is clearly against the WBKF Technical & Competition Rules.

39.8.10.

The Referee may consult the Ringside Doctor regarding the competing Boxer’s condition.

39.8.11.

When the Referee calls the Ringside Doctor to the ring to examine a Boxer, only the Referee and the Ringside Doctor will be present in the ring or on the apron; however, the Ringside Doctor may request someone to help him/her.

39.8.12.

If an injury occurs the Referee will follow the steps set out below:

39.8.12.1.

Ask the non-injured Boxer to go to the neutral corner;

39.8.12.2.

Ask the Ringside Doctor if the injured Boxer is fit to continue. If the Ringside Doctor informs the Referee that the Boxer is fit to continue, then the Referee may decide to continue the Bout;

39.8.12.3.

If the Ringside Doctor informs the Referee that the Boxer is not fit to continue, then the Referee may decide to terminate the Bout. If the Referee did not see the cause of injury the Referee will request the opinion of each of the five (5) Judges to see whether all or a majority have seen a foul or a correct blow and the Referee will then make one of the following decisions: WBKF Technical and Competition Rules - 70

39.8.12.3.1.

Where all or a majority of the Judges have seen a correct blow – Rule 19.7.1. of these rules applies;

39.8.12.3.2.

Where all or a majority of the Judges have seen an intentional foul – Rule 19.9.2. of these rules applies;

39.8.12.3.3.

Where all or a majority of the Judges have seen an unintentional foul – Rule 19.1.2. of these rules applies;

39.8.13.

To terminate a contest at any stage if this Referee considers it to be one-sided.

39.8.14.

To terminate a contest at any stage if one of the Boxers has received an injury which the Referee decides the Boxer should not continue.

39.8.15.

To terminate a contest at any stage if this Referee considers the Boxers inactive and not competitive. In such a case, the Referee may disqualify one or both Boxers.

39.8.16.

To caution a Boxer or administer a warning to a Boxer against fouls or for any other reason in the interest of fair play, or to ensure compliance with these rules.

39.8.17.

To disqualify a Boxer who fails to comply immediately with the Referee's command, or behaves towards the Referee in an offensive or aggressive manner at any time

39.8.18.

With or without previous warning, to disqualify a Boxer for committing a serious foul;

39.8.19.

To interpret these rules insofar as they are applicable or relevant to the Bout or to decide and take action on any circumstance of the Bout which is not covered by these rules.

39.8.20.

Right to check the Boxer

39.8.20.1.

Once a Boxer has entered the ring, the Referee has to ensure that the Boxer is wearing an appropriate uniform and equipment as per the WBKF Technical & Competition Rules.

39.8.20.2.

At the end of the Bout, the Referee has to ensure that the Boxer has appropriate bandages as per the WBKF Technical & Competition Rules.

39.8.20.3.

In the case of a Boxer's glove becoming undone during a Bout, the Referee will stop the Bout to have the issue rectified.

39.8.21.

The Referee will check that the positions of the Judges and of the Ringside Doctor(s) are correct before the start of the Bout.

39.8.22.

The Referee starts the Bout only after the authorisation of the Deputy Technical Delegate.

39.9.

Duties of the Judge

WBKF Technical and Competition Rules - 71

39.9.1.

To follow the scoring process and regulations as per WBKF Technical and Competition Rules

39.9.2.

To score independently the merit of the Boxers during each round of the assigned Bout.

39.9.3.

To not speak or give any sign to a Boxer or to another Judge or to anyone else before, during and after the Bout.

39.9.4.

To not leave his/her seat until the results have been announced to the public.

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RULE 40. LOC COMPETITION MANAGER

40.1.

In all WBKF-owned and WBKF-sanctioned Competitions, the Local Organising Committee has to appoint a dedicated LOC Competition Manager.

40.2.

The LOC Competition Manager is responsible for ensuring that the Competition is organised according to the WBKF Technical & Competition Rules, and for following the instructions and guidance of the Technical Delegate and WBKF HQ.

40.3.

The LOC Competition Manager has to ensure that the Competition follows the competition venue requirements as per Appendix 11 of these rules.

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RULES FOR COMPETITION EQUIPMENT AND UNIFORMS

RULE 41. COMPETITION EQUIPMENT

41.1.

In all WBKF-owned and WBKF-sanctioned Competitions, equipment, outlined in the Rule 41.3. of these rules, must be provided by an WBKF Official Equipment Licensees, unless exceptionally agreed by WBKF.

41.2.

In all WBKF-owned and WBKF-sanctioned Competitions, gloves, headguards, and bandages manufactured by one of the WBKF Official Equipment Licensees shall be provided by WBKF via the Local Organising Committee and sha

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41.3.

FOP Equipment 41.3.1. Ring

41.3.2.

Ring Accessories

41.3.5. Headguard

41.3.6. Bandage/Professional Handwraps

41.4. Warm-up Area and Training Venue Equipment 41.4.1. Ring

41.4.2. Floor ring

41.4.3. Punching bags and frames 41.4.4. Training gloves (16 oz or

41.4.5. Headguards

RULE 42.

42.1.

In all AOB Competitions, only rings manufactured by one of the WBKF Official Equipment Licensees can be used.

42.2.

Ring Specifications

42.2.1.

In all AOB Competitions, the ring must measure 6.10 m inside the ropes on all four (4) sides.

42.2.2.

The size of the apron must extend for 85 cm outside the line of the ropes on each side, including additional canvas necessary to tighten and secure it. 42.2.3. The ring must have the dimensions in accordance with the Manufacturer Guidelines: WBKF Official Ring.

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42.2.3.1.

For the total height of the poles, distance between the ropes, and the width of the rope strips, a margin of 2 cm is accepted.

42.2.4.

Platform and Corner Pads

42.2.4.1.

The platform must be safely constructed, levelled and free from any obstructing projection. It must be fitted with four (4) corner posts with four (4) corner pads in order to prevent injury to the Boxers.

The corner pads must be arranged facing towards the Technical Delegate as follows:

42.2.4.1.1.

In the near left side corner – red 42.2.4.1.2. In the far-left side corner – white 42.2.4.1.3. In the far-right side corner – blue

WBKF Technical and Competition Rules - 74 42.2.4.1.4. In the near right side corner – white.

42.2.8.

Stairs

42.2.4.3.

The length and the width of the ring platform must be 7.80m x 7.80m.

42.2.5.

Surface of the Ring Floor

42.2.5.1.

The floor must be covered with felt, rubber or other suitably approved material that is soft quality and elasticity. It must not be less than 1.5 cm and no more than 2.0 cm.

42.2.6.

Canvas

42.2.6.1.

The canvas must cover the entire platform and must be made of non-slippery material.

42.2.6.2.

The canvas must be blue, pantone 299, unless otherwise approved by WBKF.

42.2.7.

Ropes

42.2.7.1.

The ropes must be covered by a thick padding.

42.2.7.2.

The ring must include four (4) separate ropes on each side of the corner posts. They must be 4cm-thick, without considering the cover.

42.2.7.3.

The heights of the four (4) ropes must be 40 cm, 70 cm, 100 cm, and 130 cm from the canvas.

42.2.7.4.

Rope separator specifications

42.2.7.4.1.

The four (4) ropes must be joined on each side of the ring, at equal intervals, by two (2) pieces of material (close to the texture of the canvas) 3 to 4 cm wide. The two (2) pieces must not slide along the rope.

42.2.7.5.

The tension of each section of the top two ropes must be tight. The tension of bottom two must not be too tight. However, in any case, the Referee and/or the Technical Delegate have the right to ask the LOC to adjust the tension if necessary.

42.2.8.1.

The ring must be provided with three (3) sets of stairs, with each one having three (3) steps.

42.2.4.2.

The platform must be 100 cm from the ground.

42.2.8.2.

Two (2) sets of stairs at the opposite corners

for the use of the Boxers and Seconds, and one (1) set of stairs in the neutral corner for the use of the Referee and of the Ringside Doctor.

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RULE 43.

RINGSIDE ACCESSORIES

43.1.

The following ringside accessories are required for all Bouts and must be provided by the organisers no later than two (2) days before the start time of the Competition per ring:

43.1.1.

Gong.

43.1.2.

Two (2) plastic receptacles which can be used for spitting.

43.1.3.

Chairs and tables for the Technical Delegate and Deputy Technical Delegates (in AOB Competitions), Ringside Doctors, Timekeeper & Gong Operator, Official Announcer, TV Graphics Operator and Judges.

43.1.4.

The tables for the Judges must be standardized for all WBKF Competitions 43.1.4.1. Form – Square

43.1.4.2.

Width – 70 cm x 70 cm 43.1.4.3. Height – 80 cm

43.1.4.4.

Drape Colour – a solid colour that matches the branding of the Competition, otherwise – white.

43.1.5.

One (1) electronic stopwatch which complies with the requirements of the WBKF Scoring System and one manual stopwatch as a backup.

43.1.6.

One (1) WBKF Scoring System.

43.1.7.

One (1) microphone connected to the loudspeaker system.

43.1.8.

First-aid supplies as required in accordance with the WBKF Medical Rules.

43.1.9.

A non-transparent small plastic bag placed in the two neutral corners outside of the ring.

43.1.10.

Three (3) chairs for the Seconds in each corner with clearly indicated area borders.

43.1.11.

One (1) stretcher.

43.1.12.

Mops or towels for cleaning the ring.

FIGHT RULES:

RULE 1: DECISIONS

Winning by Points

When the bout ends, there are three possible outcomes for winning on points.

Unanimous Decision (UPD), all 3 judges favor the same fighter.

Split Decision (SPD) 2 judges favor one fighter & 1 judge favors the other fighter.

Majority Decision (MPD) 2 judges favor one fighter & 1 judge scores a draw.

Winning by Knockout (KO)

If the fighter is knocked down and cannot continue the fight after ten (10) seconds, their opponent will win by knockout.

Winning by Technical Knockout (TKO)

A fighter wins the contest by technical knockout in such conditions as follows:

When a fighter outclasses their opponent very clearly or one-sided out-points their opponent in such conditions that his opponent may be seriously injured.

When his/her opponent cannot continue the contest immediately after the resting interval of a round.

When his/her opponent is so seriously injured that he cannot continue the contest.

When his/her opponent has been counted for more than two (2) times (=3 times) in one round or more than four (4) times (=5 times) all though in the span of the contest since the first round.

When his opponent has fallen out of the ring and he cannot get back into the ring after the referee has counted “ยสิบ” (YISIP) or twenty (20)

His/her opponent willfully withdraws from the contest because of injury or other causes.

Winning by Disqualification of Opponent

No Titles Contests

In case a fighter does not pass the ring doctor's physical examination, or they do not make the division weight-in, or he/she does not show up to compete as scheduled, the title will be declared a “No Contest”

*In a title contest when the champion cannot make weight or pass the physical examination or fails to show then his title will be declared vacant.

*If the champion is overweight (he/she loses the title on the scales) and the two fighters agree to fight, and the champion is beaten, then the challenger will be declared the new champion.

*If the challenger can't make weight the event will be declared a no contest.

A Draw Decision

A contest will be decided as a draw on the following condition:

There are three possible scoring decisions for a drawn contest:

Unanimous Draw (UD) All 3 judges score the contest a draw

Majority Draw (MD) 2 judges score it a draw, and 1 judge has a winner

Split Draw (SD) judge scores it a draw and the other 2 judges have a different winner.

When both fighters are knocked down, and they have been counted out of “สิบ”

(SIP) or ten (10).

When both boxers have fallen out of the ring, they cannot continue.

No Decision

When the referee considers that either boxer or both “fight dishonorably,” he declares that “There is no decision for this bout as the red corner / blue corner / or both fighters fight dishonorably”

No Contests

In case the fighters intentionally spoil the fight and they have been warned and cautioned by the referee, but they keep on spoiling the fight, the referee shall stop the contest and shall declare “No contest for his bout.”

Cancellation of Contest

In case of the ring damage, a riot from spectators, or an unexpected situation causing it impossible to continue the contest, the referee shall cancel the contest and declares “Cancellation of the contest.”

Vacated Titles

If a current WBC MuayThai champion fight in any MuayThai contest, in or under his/her championship weight category, and loses by KO and TKO, his/her WBC MuayThai title will be declared vacant.

Accidental Injuries from Head Butts or other causes

If a fighter can not continue in a championship after sustaining a fight ending injury from caused by an accidental clash of heads or other causes, the outcome of the fight will be decided by a TKO loss for the fighter who can not continue.

RULE 2: SCORING PROCEDURES

Competent scoring must be done using the following criteria:

When the fighter uses their fists, feet, knees, and elbows as effective and controlled MuayThai fighting weapons to attack their opponent powerfully, accurately, and according to the rules with effective and powerful techniques scoring higher than less effective strikes. The effective execution of any weapon will score higher than a less effective/timid execution of another weapon.

Scoring Procedures

Fighters who can do more damage to their opponent using all MuayThai fighting weapons effectively, with heavier, powerful, and accurate attacks on their opponent, using clear, effective aggression with their offensive skills (damage), ring-craft skills (dominance), and defensive skills (disruption) by MuayThai arts and techniques, all contribute to a boxer winning the round – with extra credibility leaning towards the effective execution of attacking techniques.

The Ten Point Must System & Scoring Explained

The winner of a round must have 10 points

The loser of a round will get 9, 8, 7, or a low of 6, depending on various factors in the round.

If there is no clear winner, both fighters will get 10 points – if in doubt – score it even point deductions by a referee for fouls in a championship fight are cumulated on the supervisor's master sheet

A 10-10 score shall be given when a judge's mental computation at the end of the round is not clear enough to give a highly questionable round to either fighter.

Just because you have been instructed against scoring even rounds, it would be unfair to a fighter to score a round in favor of the other fighter if your mental computer witnessed no difference.

A 10-9 score shall be given in a round with a slight advantage in overall action favoring one fighter.

A 10-9 score shall be given, also, when there is a clear advantage but not an overwhelming advantage.

A 10-8 score shall be given when there is a knockdown, and the rest of the round is a very slight advantage for the fighter who scored the knockdown

A 10-8 score shall be given when there is an overwhelming one-sided round; even without a knockdown, a real beating by one of the fighters over the other shall be always a 10-8 round

A 10-9 score shall be given to fighter A when fighter B takes an eight-count, but B clearly and unquestionably wins the rest of the round, before and after the knockdown

A 10-10 score shall be given when a knocked down fighter gets up and then knocks down his rival with the rest of the round, somehow even

A 10-9 score should be given when both fighters are knocked down – but one of them wins the rest of the round

A 10-7 score shall be given on two knockdowns of the same fighter – but always consider what happened before and the knockdowns

No round should be scored lower than 10-6

Make sure that your scorecard is accurate and reflects your decision on each round before handing the card to the referee

At the start of each round, a judge will set his/her mental computer at the sound of the bell to 10-10, even or no advantage count

When a judge's mind is immersed – without any distraction to compute even scoring – and sees no difference in the action of the fighters precisely at the end of the round – this is a 10-10 round

Your competent mental computing has one of the fighters slightly ahead of the other based on what you witnessed over the entire round. As we do not want many even rounds, a slight advantage should be a 10-9 round (Close)

Your computing of the actions leads you to have one of the fighters ahead after completing the entire round. This is also a 10-9 round (Moderate)

Your computing of the actions leads you to have one of the fighters winning the round by a large margin of victory. This is also a 10-9 round (Decisive)

Your mental count sees one fighter give a one-sided beating and hurt their opponent throughout the round – the only thing missing was a knockdown. This is a 10-8 round – don't fear being right (Extreme Decisive)

Clean and effective strikes: Landing punches, elbows, knees, or kicks to the scoring area of your opponent with power, volume, and accuracy to cause damage, domination, or disruption to your opponent

Damage: If a fighter is trying to hurt their opponent, a judge should look for evidence of damage knocking your opponent down, staggering your opponent, significant blows that slow your opponent's attacking prowess

Domination: If a fighter is trying to control their opponent, a judge should look for evidence of domination, an overwhelming advantage in strikes landed repeated initiates action during exchanges repeatedly lands the last strike in exchanges

Disruption: If a fighter is trying to prevent their opponent from hurting or controlling them, a judge should look for evidence of disruption, effective counter strikes that alter an opponent's strategy that force an opponent to grab, and hold strikes that force an opponent into a defensive posture

Effective Aggression: A forceful willingness to attack your opponent (either moving forward, backward or remaining stationary) where your strikes land accurately and force on your opponent. Remember, there is a fundamental difference between effective aggression and aggression

Ring Generalship: Controlling the balance, pace, positioning, and style of the fight to a greater degree than that of your opponent

Defense: Displaying successful evasive maneuvers to avoid being hit and showcasing defensive mechanisms as part of an offensive strategy to attack your opponent and negate their attacks

Concentrate on your task over the entire fight

- Treat each round separately
- Never look back at the previous round · Do not look forward to the next round
- Look for: Damage, Dominance, Disruption
- Evaluate: Effective Aggression, Ring Generalship & Defense

When scoring knockdowns, one knockdown in a round is not automatically a 10-8 round, two knockdowns in a round is not automatically a 10-7 round, and three knockdowns in a round are not automatically a 10-6 round; a judge must also take into consideration what happened in action before and after the knockdown (s)

Clinch scoring

Scoring in the clinch

(i) MuayThai technique must land on target with power

(ii) MuayThai technique must be effective, or it is not scored

(iii) MuayThai technique must not have a foul or follow a foul

Clinch general

(i) where scoring clinching techniques are applied by one or both fighters, the clinch will be allowed to run.

- (ii) where both fighters are using a nonpowerful clinch technique, then the clinch will be stopped.
- (iii) if both fighters are working for a dominant clinch position without any striking, the clinch will be allowed to run for a period if both fighters are working and not locking, holding, or being inactive.
- (iv) if both fighters cannot work to a dominant clinch position, the clinch will be stopped immediately.
- (v) if one fighter applies for an effective lock position, for a period, the clinch is stopped.
- (vi) if one fighter applies a successful defense technique where no more scoring techniques can be applied, the clinch is stopped.

RULE 3: VIOLATIONS OF RULES

Biting, eye-poking, spitting on the opponent, head butting or striking to the groin.

Back-breaking, using Judo throws and wrestling techniques.

Intentional rope grabbing to gain advantage over your opponent.

Using provocative manners and words during contest.

Disobeying the referee's orders.

Knee striking at the opponent's protective cup, e.g., neck holding for knee striking at the protective cup, straight knee striking at the protective cup, or jumping knee striking at the protective cup. For these violations, the referee has the right to allow a resting time-out not more than five (5) minutes for the boxer who's protective, the referee shall declare him/her as the loser or "no decision".

Catching the opponent's leg and pushing forwards more than two (2) steps without using any weapon. The referee shall order a fighter to stop and give a warning. After two warnings, the referee shall caution him.

After kicking with his kicking leg being caught, the boxer pretends to throw himself down on ring floor. It is considered taking advantage of his/her opponent. The referee shall give him/her a warning. If the boxer repeats the action and the referee has given him/her two warnings; the referee shall caution him/her.

When both fighters fall out of the ring and either boxer tries to delay the action.

Any strikes to the back of the head, neck, or spine.

Deliberate kicks to the groin area.

RULE 4: KNOCKDOWNS

A “knockdown means a situation when a fighter falls to the canvas from a legal strike in which the referee must do a mandatory 8-count.

A fighter leans helplessly on the ring ropes or leans on the ring ropes, or he/she sits on the ring ropes caused by legal strikes in which the referee must either call the bout off or give the fighter a mandatory 8-count.

After serious blows, he/she manages to withstand them without a fall, but in the condition that he/she cannot defend himself.

Procedure for a knockdown

In case a fighter is attacked, and he/she is knocked down, the referee shall count at the same time he orders the opponent to go to the furthest neutral corner. If the opponent disobeys this order, the referee must stop counting until that fighter goes to the furthest neutral corner. By then, he/she will continue to count the number next to the last counted one. When the knocked-down boxer stands up and is ready, “ชก” (CHOK).

In case the knocked down fighter manages to stand up before the referee counts out of “สิบ” (SIP) or ten (10), and ready to continue, but his count is not yet “แปด”

(PAD) or eight (8), the referee must continue counting until “แปด” (8) before he orders “ชก”

(CHOK) to continue the bout.

If the knocked down fighter is ready to continue before the count of “สิบ

” Or

ten (10), but he falls again without any additional attacks; the referee shall continue to count the number next to the last counted one.

In the knocked down fighter is ready to continue before “๑”

” Or ten (10), it shall be considered that the contest is over, and the referee shall declare that the knocked down fighter loses the bout “knockout.”

In case both fighters fall simultaneously, the referee shall keep on continue if there is still one boxer in the ring If both fighters cannot manage to stand up until they are counted out of “๑๒

” Or ten (10), the referee shall declare a “draw.” If both down fighters have their arms or legs tangled or one fighter is on top of the other but trying to stand up, the referee must stop the count and separate them. After that, he continues his count if there is still one fighter down on the ring floor.

In case of a knockdown, the referee must wait for one (1) second to pass by before he/she starts counting loudly from one to ten with a one-second interval. Along with his counting action, the referee must show a hand signal each second for that boxer to recognize the count.

In case there is one fighter not ready to continue the bout immediately after the resting interval between rounds, the referee must count unless due to improper dressing or the ring floor and stage are not in good condition for the contest.

RULE 5 : HANDSHAKES & RESPECT

Both fighters shall shake hands before beginning of the first-round contest and before beginning of the final round contest symbolizing that they will compete in the spirit of sportsmanship and in accordance with rules.